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## Residence Law to be amended

# Reduce fines, asks Premier

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday ordered officials to amend the Residence Law to reduce the fines for residence violations.

Sheikh Saad, in a meeting at the Shaab Palace, instructed the Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, to relax the Residence Law and personal identification regulations. "Make the fines less hefty," Sheikh Saad asked. He also said that amendments should be made without compromising the spirit of the law.

### Implement

In the meeting with Sheikh Salem, Interior Ministry Undersecretary Gen Youssef Badr Al Khorafi and acting Director of the Immigration Department Colonel Ahmed Mohammed Al Wohaib, the Crown Prince gave directives to open additional personal identification offices in governorates, which currently have none.

Sheikh Salem said after the meeting that the ministry will implement the Premier's direc-

tives after experts have completed the amendment of the article in question.

Sheikh Salem added that citizens and expatriates should complete paperwork related to residence and personal identification as quickly as possible to avoid legal penalties.

In an interview with Arab Times reporter Lima Al Khalafawi, Al Wohaib earlier said that the renewal of residence should be initiated one month before the expiry date.

He said that domestics and dependents should submit their papers directly to the Immigration Department one month in advance for renewal, and others having work permit should submit their papers to the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

### Wanted

Al Wohaib said that fingerprints were valid for five years only and must be given again after that. If the fingerprints and character certificates are valid at the time the residence permit expires then there is no need for giving fingerprints again.



Sheikh Saad

He also said that fingerprints were necessary each time a person wanted a character certificate. The fingerprints were necessary to prove the person had no charges against him.

He said that new fingerprints

were not required if the Civil Identification Card was valid, because the identity card was linked to residence and fingerprints.

He said that people who had out of date character certificates should submit them to the Criminal Department when producing a new one.

Al Wohaib said that the character certificate was valid for five years provided it was submitted to obtain a residence permit within three months of issue, otherwise the certificate would expire.

He said that people coming to Kuwait with work permits issued under article 18 were given two months to complete the formalities.

He said the Immigration Department would regularise the position of any expatriate who overstayed his visa provided he presented his papers in good order and paid the outstanding fine.

However, if the person had committed any misdemeanours or crimes, he would have to pay fine and would then be deported.

## Amir patronises graduation ceremony

HH the Amir yesterday presented certificates to 540 Kuwait University graduates of the 1986-87 academic year.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Khaldiya campus of the university.

The Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, delivered a speech in which he praised the interest shown by the Amir in the university's progress.

### Evaluates

Al Nouri asked the university staff to evaluate what they were doing with the capabilities and facilities provided them.

"We are responsible for using freedom in a framework of awareness and understanding," he said, "but within the limits of the law, in order to prevent it from turning into chaos and destruction."

The minister stressed that the authorities were continuing their efforts to improve the standard of education at the university and had plans to add new departments and colleges. A new system for teacher evaluation is also being designed, he said, and specifications for administrative and academic positions.

The ceremony was also attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, sheikhs, ministers, senior officials, heads of diplomatic missions to Kuwait and parents of graduating students.



HH the Amir congratulates a graduate.

## One Palestinian killed in fresh unrest

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Feb 17. (Reuters): Israeli troops shot dead one Palestinian and wounded six during riots today, as unrest spread again through the occupied territories.

As the toll of Palestinian lives since Dec 9 reached 57 deaths, the Norwegian Ambassador to Israel said he regretted comparing Israeli actions to those of Nazi soldiers in occupied Norway during World War Two.

The latest fatality happened after troops opened fire in the village of Shuyukh, near Hebron, a military spokesman said. The dead man was identified as 19-year-old Ismail Hussein Muhammad Halaykah.

### Fired

The spokesman said a group of 150 youths attacked soldiers who were trying to clear stones from a road with a bulldozer. The soldiers fired at the rioters' legs, he said.

But a doctor at Jerusalem's Makassed Hospital said the dead man was killed by a bullet in his lung, and two other people underwent operations for gunshot wounds in the mouth and abdomen. The other casualties were hospitalised in Hebron.

An officer at the scene said trouble started early this morning when the Army imposed a curfew on the village of Sa'ir,

arresting 15 "inciters". Five women were wounded while trying to stop soldiers from making the arrests, he said.

The officer said other villagers went to nearby Shuyukh to warn residents the Army was on its way. By the time the soldiers arrived, a crowd had gathered. They hurled rocks at the soldiers, forcing them to open fire in self-defence.

"As our Palestinian brothers wanted, the ship did capture the world's attention through the massive media presence which followed its mission minute by minute," Sheikh Sabah said.

Those objectives were attained despite the explosion of the ship suffered at the hands of Israeli agents at the Cypriot port of Larnaca two days ago, Sheikh Sabah added.

### Voyage

In Athens, organisers of a "Ship of Return" for Palestinian deportees said today they were indefinitely postponing a trouble-plagued voyage to the Israeli port of Haifa.

The PLO organisers made the announcement in a meeting with international delegations who had gathered in Athens to accompany the 130 Palestinian deportees on the planned peaceful mission.

Word of the cancellation came from many of those attending the meeting, including American delegate Scott Kennedy, a representative of the Resource Centre for non violence, based in Santa Cruz, Ca.

## Fire damages US embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW, Feb 17. (Reuters): Fire damaged the fifth floor of the US embassy in Moscow today and 150 staff and visitors were evacuated while Soviet firemen put out the blaze, an embassy spokesman said.

Several red Moscow fire trucks rushed to the scene, but eyewitnesses said there appeared to be a delay after their arrival as clearance was sought from senior diplomats for firemen to enter the building.

Gilbert said that for security reasons, the firemen had to be escorted inside.

"The firemen were escorted at all times by US employees. They were not allowed to go around unescorted," Gilbert said.

The damage was limited to a small area of the fifth floor of the building, Gilbert said. US embassy officials have their offices on the sixth to ninth floors.

### Victims buried

AMMAN, Feb 17. (AP): Several thousand Palestinians and Jordanians today attended the funeral of two PLO officers killed in a car bomb attack in the Cyprus port city of Limassol.

Shouting slogans "God is Great and the martyr is beloved by God," a group of 16 PLO soldiers carried the bodies of the two victims into Sahab cemetery.

### GCC meeting

RIYADH, Feb 17. (Kuna): A ministerial committee on financial and economic cooperation between the GCC members opened a meeting here today to review past achievements and plan new ones.

The cause may have been construction materials, but the cause has not been determined," Gilbert said.

He said the fire was put out after about 45 minutes by some 20 Soviet firemen assisted by US marines assigned to guard the embassy. But smoke continued

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## INTERNATIONAL

Vice-president bounces back as Republican front-runner

# Bush trounces Dole in New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire, Feb. 17. (UPI): Vice-President George Bush has bounced back as the Republican Party's front-runner to succeed President Reagan by overturning the opinion polls and trouncing his arch-rival Senator Robert Dole in the New Hampshire primary election.

His embattled campaign to secure the party's presidential nomination surged back to life and he proclaimed jubilantly: "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

The often-mocked Bush rescued his bid for the White House nomination by beating Robert Dole by about 38 to 29 percent in official returns of the New Hampshire primary last night.

With the campaign about to head into the conservative south, where 12 seats will select presidential nominating convention delegates in the 20-state "super Tuesday" primaries on March 8, Bush's recovery came in the nick of time for him.

On the Democratic side, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis easily won the first primary election of the 1988 presidential campaign.

**Impact** Controversy over the vice-president's role in the Iran arms scandal did not appear to have a major impact.

But opinion polls of voters taken by the television networks found many voters still rate Bush poorly as a leader.

He has been dogged by an image as a weak-kneed "wimp" who seemed to many indecisive and lacking in political vision.

That was not the image he projected as he addressed cheering

supporters after yesterday's victory.

The man who had been begging New Hampshire voters to accept him "warts and all" relished the moment with an oft-quoted line from 19th century satirist Mark Twain.

"Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," Bush said. "Thank you, New Hampshire."

Former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who shocked Bush by finishing second in Iowa, was fifth and last in the Republican New Hampshire contest at about 10 per cent support.

Third place went to Conservative New York congressman Jack Kemp at about 13 per cent. Former Delaware governor Pierre Du Pont was fourth with slightly over 10 per cent.

Robertson had boasted he would finish third and maybe even second in New Hampshire. But his support was limited by the small number of evangelical Christians in the state, and his extreme position on many issues seemed to scare off some voters.

Kemp claimed his own campaign was "born again."

Compared to the Republicans, the end of the Democratic contest was almost free of acrimony.

As expected, Massachusetts Governor Dukakis, a household name in neighbouring New Hampshire, won easily.

He beat his nearest rival, Missouri congressman Gephardt, by 36 to 20 per cent. Illinois Senator Simon was third with 17 per cent.



Bush, with his wife Barbara at his side, thanks his supporters after winning in New Hampshire. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Gunman surrenders after killing 7

SUNNYVALE, California, Feb. 17. (UPI): A gunman fired from a silicon valley computer company for sexual harassment went on a shooting spree at the business yesterday, killing seven people and wounding five, including a woman who had spurned his advances, police said.

The gunman, identified as former employee Richard Farley, 40, surrendered more than five hours after he walked into ESL Inc. and opened fire.

Sunnyvale police patrol commander Alex Michaelis said late yesterday one body was found outside the building and six were discovered during a room-by-room search. The two women and five men were shot to death. Two of the victims were found in the stairwell, one downstairs and three upstairs.

**Situation** The gunshots were all at the beginning of the situation," Michaelis said.

Farley was armed with two handguns, a shotgun and high-powered rifle and had two bandoleers of ammunition strapped across his chest when he walked into the building yesterday afternoon.

After the shootings he held up on the second floor of the ESL building with hostages and workers who had locked themselves in their offices.

Hostage negotiator Ruben Grjajiva, who talked to Farley for four hours, said that the gunman had cried on the telephone. Farley told Grjajiva he went into ESL intending to "blow the place up," destroying equipment but not harming any of the employees, but the situation got out of hand. Farley told the negotiator he did not know how many people he had shot.

**Sandwich** When Grjajiva mentioned food, Farley said he was hungry. He surrendered after police offered him sandwich and soft drink, the negotiator said.

Five ESL employees wounded in the shooting were taken from the building by police and were sent to area hospitals.

Among the wounded was Laura Black, 26, a woman who had obtained a court order to keep Farley away from her and apparently was a primary target of the gunman's rage, police said. Michaelis said Farley went to the second floor to confront Black.

## Controversial ex-minister Savary dies

PARIS, Feb. 17. (AP): Alain Savary, the Education Minister whose policies sent millions protesting in the streets and threatened to bring down the government of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, has died, the Socialist Party announced today. He was 69.

According to the statement, Savary had been hospitalised for several weeks with a serious infection. No details were provided.

Lionel Jospin, Secretary of the Socialist Party, expressed his "very sincere condolences" to the family and friends of the former minister, who served as Education Minister from 1981 until he resigned in 1984.

**Renaissance** "Courageous, lucid, discrete, Alain Savary put loyalty and honour behind his convictions. He will remain one of the great names of socialism," said Jospin.

Savary was the party secretary from 1969 to 1971 and "was one of the moving forces behind the (party's) renaissance," Jospin said.

In 1984, Savary proposed a bill bearing his name that unsuccessfully attempted to institute Mitterrand's campaign promises to revamp France's private education system.

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The former diplomat said the woman's tale was a good example of the "terrible racism" of Israel that was "shocking to see up close."

Andrew Kilgore, U.S. ambassador to Qatar from 1977 to 1981, told Kuna in an exclusive interview he saw the Palestinian woman on Jan. 19 in Gaza.

His group spent six days visiting Gaza, Nablus, and other sites of Palestinian uprising.

He was there with five other foreign service officials and other Mideast observers as part of a fact-finding visit to the embattled occupied territories.

Kilgore said he and the other Americans were briefed on the crisis by journalists and Palestine Red Crescent officials while at a law firm in Gaza.

While there, "they brought in a woman who had to be half-carried, who had been beaten on her legs, feet and thighs ... so badly she couldn't walk," Kilgore said. He described the woman — from the Burq refugee camp — as "screaming and crying" from the physical abuse.

The Israelis, he added, had also "beaten her five kids and they'd stolen 100 dinars and stolen her gold bracelet."

**Protect** Kilgore said it was never clear whether the soldiers had beaten her for "general meanness" or because she had tried to protect her children from what Israel calls its "defence forces."

At the same time, Kilgore said he had saved a seemingly empty tear gas canister whose invisible fumes, he described, were so potent his eyes still smart from examining it.

While reading the label, the former US envoy said he was surprised by the legend: "Made in Salzburg, Pennsylvania."

British opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock began a four-day visit to Israel and occupied Arab territories today saying he intended to discover what was holding up an international Middle East peace conference.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met several Italian party leaders, including Communist Party chief Alessandro Natta today before leaving for home after a three-day visit.

Natta said after the meeting the two sides disagreed on many points including "the methods of finding a solution to a problem that not only involves the security of Israel but also the rights of other peoples."

**Summit** King Hassan of Morocco called in an interview today for an Arab summit to be held during the next six weeks to discuss Israeli violence in the occupied territories.

"An urgent Arab summit is needed within one month or six weeks to discuss the Palestinian resistance inside Israel," King Hassan said in remarks published in the weekly Al Mussawar.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday flew into Cairo unexpectedly, met with a senior government official and left shortly after, airport officials said.

The source, who refused to be identified, gave no details of Arafat's meeting with Osama Al-Baz, chief political aide to Egyptian President Mubarak.

This is Arafat's first visit since the PLO and Egypt improved relations last November following a seven-month freeze.

## Israeli agents 'killed' honeymooning bride

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17. (UPI):

A coroner's report said a honeymooning bride who plunged to her death from a luxury liner drowned when she was choked and thrown overboard, but the woman's husband now says she was slain by Israeli agents.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Ershad foes call another strike

DHAKA, Feb 17. (Reuters): Tens of thousands of opposition workers cheered and clapped today as their leaders called a 36-hour general strike to disrupt Bangladesh's parliamentary elections on March 3.

The strike call was issued at separate rallies in Dhaka by leaders of three opposition alliances embracing 21 political parties as part of a campaign begun in November to force President Hossain Mohammad Ershad to resign.

Hundreds of riot policemen watched from a distance as the leaders said the nationwide strike would begin at 6 am (0000 GMT) on March 2.

Police did not try to stop the rallies but they arrested senior Awami League leader Abdul Mannan as he led a march afterwards.

#### Protest

They also announced plans for a week of protest from next Monday to organise a mass boycott of the parliamentary polls which Ershad called after he dissolved

parliament in December.

Opposition leaders have demanded Ershad hand over power to a caretaker government but he has refused to resign under pressure.

On Monday Ershad said he would deploy the Army to help nearly 100,000 paramilitary police and auxiliary forces ensure an orderly vote despite opposition threats.

#### Duty

Addressing a rally, Bangladeshi Nationalist Party chairman Begum Khaleda Zia called on the Army "not to confront people trying to resist a farcical election."

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, the other main opposition leader, urged officials, teachers and others not to act as polling officers during the controversial elections.

"This is your duty to rise against the autocratic ruler and help people struggling to establish a flawless democracy. The days of clinging to power by force are gone," she said.

### Kaddafi has nose surgery

LONDON, Feb 17. (AP): Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi has undergone successful surgery on his nose, Libyan Television said Tuesday.

The television, monitored in London, said Kaddafi had the surgery Monday at Ibn Al Nafis Hospital in the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

He left the hospital last night "in an excellent state and in

good health," the report said.

It said doctors in the hospital's ear, nose and throat section carried out "a successful operation" on Kaddafi's nasal passages, but gave no further details.

The television showed Kaddafi sitting in a hospital chair, wearing a mask. He was shown talking to doctors, then shaking hands with them, and walking out of the ward.

Two French diplomats have also been held since March 1985.

Moayeri said that until France restored relations broken off last July, "no move in favour of the

hostages can be made."

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, after listening to Iran's virtual acknowledgement that it held a key to the hostages' future, responded that France could only restore this once the three were home safe.

#### Interrogation

Chirac's prompt rejection came in a tense interview on the Antenne 2 network, watched by Kauffmann's parents in a link-up with the family's Brittany livingroom, where photographs of their son topped the fireplace.

Chirac said he sympathised with the family but begged them to understand that negotiations

to release the hostages required secrecy.

Paris severed ties with Tehran last summer after the Iranian Embassy refused to let a French judge interrogate an Iranian suspect of complicity in a wave of Paris bombings in 1986.

Police besieged each other's legation for months until two French hostages held by pro-Iranian Shiites in Lebanon were released in November.

The crisis quickly ended and France later ordered a crackdown on exile Iranian dissidents, in what critics said was clearly a deal with the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

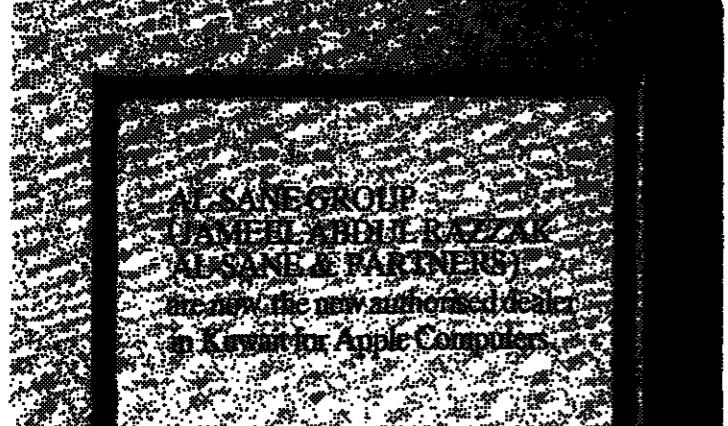
NAB said the students were performing in a variety show in the town's state high school when the bomb went off beneath a row of seats about 20 feet (6 m) in front of the stage.

The performance at the high school was being staged as part of the Feb 12 Union Day anniversary, Burma's most important political festival.

Celebration is aimed at promoting unity among the country's diverse ethnic groups, including the majority Burmese, the Kachins, Karens, Shans, Mons and about a dozen others.

NAB also reported 17 people were wounded in Kengtung town in eastern Burma when a bomb exploded in a movie theatre Feb 7, the annual Shan State Day.

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### Hekmatyar fears rebel-Islamabad conflict

## Pakistan warned on Afghan accord

ISLAMABAD, Feb 17. (Reuters): A radical Afghan rebel leader said today it would be an "historic blunder" for Pakistan to sign a UN-sponsored peace accord at Geneva.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, head of one of the seven Pakistan-based rebel parties, told a news conference that to sign would effectively mean recognising the Soviet-backed Kabul government and would cause conflict between Islamabad and the mujahideen.

The Kremlin hoped to gain by the accords two things it had failed to win in eight years of fighting—an end to the war and recognition of President Najibullah's government, he

said.

The Soviet Union has offered to start withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan from May 15 provided an agreement is signed in the six-year-old Geneva peace talks by March 15.

Pakistan, which supports the rebels, has refused, saying agreement must first be reached on a new interim government.

Blunder

Hekmatyar, 38, said the accord would neither end the nine-year-old conflict nor free Pakistan of the burden of three million Afghan refugees.

"To sign the Geneva accord would be an historic blunder," he said through an interpreter. "We hope Pakistan will stick to its

position and stand firm."

The seven-party alliance has been negotiating plans for its own interim government to take over and prepare for national elections following a Soviet withdrawal.

Hekmatyar said the seven leaders would announce their new government before the Geneva talks resume on March 2.

"This will be the sole representative government of the Afghan nation," he said.

He reiterated the rebels' refusal to consider sharing power with "Najibullah's People's Democratic Party" but that some non-party people who had served in the Kabul government and are Muslims would be accepted.

Petrovsky left for home today.

Iraqi officials also discussed bilateral relations.

ending a six-day visit to Tehran.

Khamenei, Irma reported, told Petrovsky that Iran was pleased with Gorbachev's policy on Afghanistan and renewed a call for the speedy withdrawal of Soviet forces from that country, nine years after their intervention.

US influence

But he cautioned, Iran was "highly pessimistic about the US concern over Afghanistan and sees no sincerity in its (US) stance. Therefore, any plan for the country's (Afghanistan's) future must prevent influence of the United States and its Western allies."

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MALIBU, California, Feb 17, (UPI): Kanrishia Yosie Gakkou, the fabled Japanese "hell camp" that claims to develop leadership in business executives through "100 litres of sweat and 100 litres of tears," opened its first class in the United States yesterday.

The 13-day camp located on a ranch in the rugged mountains over Malibu started its first class promising that those who complete the course will reach the business "heaven" of effective and decisive management.

"Our training is designed to develop true leadership," said Yasuo Motohashi, a principal of the training school who flew from Japan to oversee the school's first US class, which is made up of two women and eight men, including a father-son team.

Most of the participants are in their late 40s to early 50s and hold mid-to-senior-level management positions, school officials said.

"Our training requires 100 litres of sweat, 100 litres of tears. That's why we call it hell camp," said Naoyoshi Fujimori, the school's head instructor. "In this 13-day hell camp, (our goal is) to get you back to heaven."

One of the students, Deborah Alagna, president of a Huntington Beach sales training company, said she enrolled in the \$2,400 courses to "stretch my mind, learn my weaknesses and fine-tune my strengths."

### Iran seeks French ties in exchange for hostages

PARIS, Feb 17. (Reuters): Iran has cold-shouldered appeals for the release of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon, telling Paris to restore relations with Tehran before it can expect any help.

The blunt condition was set by Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri in an interview with French television last night marking the 1,000th day in captivity for French journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Two French diplomats have also been held since March 1985.

Moayeri said that until France restored relations broken off last July, "no move in favour of the

hostages can be made."

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, after listening to Iran's virtual acknowledgement that it held a key to the hostages' future, responded that France could only restore this once the three were home safe.

Police besieged each other's legation for months until two French hostages held by pro-Iranian Shiites in Lebanon were released in November.

The crisis quickly ended and France later ordered a crackdown on exile Iranian dissidents, in what critics said was clearly a deal with the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

NAB said the students were performing in a variety show in the town's state high school when the bomb went off beneath a row of seats about 20 feet (6 m) in front of the stage.

The performance at the high school was being staged as part of the Feb 12 Union Day anniversary, Burma's most important political festival.

Celebration is aimed at promoting unity among the country's diverse ethnic groups, including the majority Burmese, the Kachins, Karens, Shans, Mons and about a dozen others.

NAB also reported 17 people were wounded in Kengtung town in eastern Burma when a bomb exploded in a movie theatre Feb 7, the annual Shan State Day.

## Sudanese rebels block food aid

KHARTOUM, Feb 17. (AP): Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi has accused southern rebels of "food terrorism," saying that they refused to give safe conduct to a non-governmental organization offering relief for starving Sudanese in the south.

Answering questions in the Constituent Assembly, the national parliament, El Mahdi said the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army had insisted that the relief aid be distributed through them. He said the rebels wanted to "use the aid" for political reasons" and distribute it among rebel supporters only.

El Mahdi accused the SPLA of being a terrorist organisation, and said it was using food as a weapon against the southern population.

The Prime Minister said that the Council of Mercy, a Sudanese non-governmental organisation, had been denied safe conduct by the SPLA.

Starvation

But the council's chairman, Pacifico Lodo Loleik, implicitly denied this. He said that his talks with the rebels in Ethiopia had not failed and that he would be going back to resume negotiations.

El Mahdi denied charges by parliamentarian Angelo Guang that 24 persons had starved to death in the southern Upper Nile province. But the Prime Minister

said he could not rule out the possibility of people dying of starvation in rebel-controlled areas.

The SPLA, which took up arms against the government in 1983, claims to control at least 90 per cent of the countryside in the south. It says the government continues to control the cities in the three southern provinces of Upper Nile, Bahr El Ghazal and Equatoria.

But continued fighting between government troops and the rebels has forced hundreds of thousands of southerners to flee their fields and livestock and gather around the cities where they become completely dependent on food relief.

El Mahdi accused the SPLA of fomenting religious-ethnic discord which he predicted could only lead to disastrous consequences.

The southerners, mainly Christian and animist, are a minority compared to the northern Muslim majority which dominates the Khartoum government. The SPLA, whose estimated 30,000 fighters are mostly southerners, rebelled to demand greater autonomy and administrative and economic reforms in the south.

The SPLA has accused the government of using civilian planes and relief operations to ferry reinforcements to its troops in the south.

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# Kuwaiti children lack proper parenting

"THE Absence of Motherhood" was the title of a symposium held as part of the Second Educational Week organised by Kuwait University's educational psychology Department. As the title suggests the symposium dealt with the effects of the "absent mother" on a child's health and psychological development and the impact children have on children.

Dr Ahmad Abdulla, a professor at the education faculty of Kuwait University, speaking at the symposium, said there was no legitimate reason to deprive children of proper parental attention. It was emphasised throughout the symposium that Kuwait's society is seriously threatened by the absence of proper parenting, which has resulted from the misuse of servants in Kuwait homes.

**Shocking**

It was stated that maids have assumed the responsibility for childcare that normally is

assumed by mothers. Dr Layla Al Dosouki, also from Kuwait University, said that some mothers even allow the maids to take their children to clinics when they are ill. They are given this responsibility, she said, in spite of the fact that they may be unable to even speak Arabic and could possibly misunderstand instructions regarding medication which should be given the sick child.

## Breastfeed

A shocking statistic, based on a study conducted in 1986, shows that 560 deaths among children under four years of age were the result of negligence on the part of mothers.

Breastfeeding, almost unheard of in Kuwait now, was stressed as an important factor in creating a bond between mother and child. Dr Al Dosouki said the number of mothers breastfeeding their children had dropped from 90 per cent in 1979 to 20 per cent in 1985.

## Jordanian premier visits Baghdad

**BAGHDAD**, Feb 17, (Reuter): Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai arrived in Baghdad today as part of his country's consultations with key regional leaders on the latest Middle East peace moves.

An Arab diplomat said Rifai had a letter from King Hussein on his attempts to reconcile Iraq and Syria.

He said Rifai will have talks with Iraqi officials on the Iraqi-Iran war and Iraqi efforts to further develop the relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

## Kuwaiti students to attend seminar at Harvard University

**WASHINGTON**, Feb 17, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti student delegation will take part in a UN-model seminar at Harvard University on Thursday, the cultural counsellor Dr Musaad Al Haroun told Kuna.

Al Haroun added last night that the four-day seminar aims at giving the opportunity for students from all countries to get acquainted with the activities of the United Nations as well as the role of the international organisation in serving world peace.

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## Registration of students

DR MUSTAFA Maarrif, the Dean of Admissions and Registration at Kuwait University, announced that the registration office will begin using a central computer system for registration during the summer session. He explained in a press conference that the central computer system would save time and will enable students to register for courses from different faculties without having to go from building to building. He added that the university had purchased 40 terminals for the computer system in Khalidiya Hall in addition to four computer keyboards for student schedules.

Kuwait University's General Registrar Musaed Al Dakheel, the secretary of the Foundation's board, has said that on average there are 80 heart attacks per every 100,000 people. Fifteen per cent of Kuwait's population is believed to suffer from hypertension related to heart disease.

## Heart disease affecting more people

By Jadranka Porter

TODAY, fewer people die of heart disease in Kuwait than in 1981. However, the incidence of cardiovascular complaints is on the increase, and is affecting younger age groups according to statistics compiled by the Kuwait Heart Foundation.

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### Preventive

In 1986, 1,500 people were reported to have suffered from severe heart attacks, and between 14 and 18 per cent of these patients died. Al Owaisi believes

that another 600 to 800 people were affected by heart disease in the same period, but were not included into the records because they were not treated at any of the hospitals. It is this group that the Foundation aims to reach by campaigning for better preventive measures and a more efficient ambulance service. "We may not be able to cure them but we can improve their quality of life and postpone death," said Al Owaisi.

The Foundation has shifted its priorities from efforts to set up a cardiology institute, at a cost of no less than KD 2 million, to boosting its education programme. In its lectures and TV spots the Foundation has urged the public to reduce the fat intake, take up exercise and stop smoking.



Dr Hassan Al Alawi, the Dean of Kuwait University's Faculty of Engineering and Petroleum, accompanied by assistant deans visited Kuwait's Ministry of Defence Military Installations Department on Tuesday. They were received by Sheikh Sabah Al Nasser, the Assistant Undersecretary of the Defence Ministry, and were shown round the department's various sections.

## Travel allowances raised

KUWAIT'S Civil Service Council met on Tuesday under the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed to discuss travel allowances and expense accounts of public employees while on official missions abroad.

The council decided to approve the recommendations of the committee set up to study these expenses and increased the travelling allowances from KD80 per diem to KD100 for officials in head positions and from KD60 to KD80 for

## Cooperatives endorse a number of proposals

BOARD of directors of the association of the Arab Cooperative Societies yesterday held its 2nd meeting and endorsed number of recommendations.

Head of the 7th Arab cooperative conference and representative of the Kuwait delegation on Barak, Al Noon stated that the council had agreed on establishing three liaison offices in Kuwait, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. No further details were revealed.

He said the council, which was presided over by secretary general of the association Qais Shireeda, has also recommended that the association should join specialised Arab associations as well as increasing volume of membership. He did not elaborate.

The establishment of a permanent press committee in the association was also recommended during the session, Al Noon said, adding the conference reviewed the association's activities for the past period.

The next meeting of the association's board of directors will be held in Cairo in February 1989, he said, adding that four countries, Iraq, UAE, Egypt and Morocco have offered to host the 8th conference.

## Teenagers involved in break-in

A KUWAITI daily reported that the three boys who recently attempted to break into the safe at the Hawalli Immigration Department were teenagers.

It was reported that the three boys gained entry to the premises through a window with an air-conditioning unit. When the janitor attempted to stop them, the boys beat him and tied him up.

When the boys were unable to open the safe they fled. The janitor later informed security authorities of the break-in, giving a description of the three which led to their arrest.

## Stamp catalogue

FILATCO recently published its specialised Mail Auction Stamp Catalogue for Arab and other Islamic countries.

The sale includes stamps dating from 1800 to the present, and includes varieties, errors and scarce stamps rarely offered to the public.

The catalogue is free to all potential participants and major collectors from FILATCO, Box 1461, Appleton, Wisconsin 54913 USA, telephone 414-735-0701, Telex No. 260355 ED Tech Aple, Telefax No. 414-735-9453.

## New Zealand envoy

MINISTER of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi met yesterday the Ambassador of New Zealand Daniel Richards.

Talks centered on bilateral relations and regional developments.

## Driving school plans under study

BRIGADIER Saad Al Jasser (retired) of Kuwait's Driving School Company said the company's proposed plans had been presented to a number of consulting firms in an effort to find the best way to implement the project. He added that the Driving School will be a highly developed project requiring all the necessary organisation and technology.

He said that four Driving Schools will be linked with the Driving School Company, with schools in the country's four governorates. He added that the schools will be connected with the company's head office by a computer network.

Al Jasser said the system used by the schools will be the same as that used by Kuwait's traffic department. He added that the project should be completed within a year.

## Mumtaz post

KUWAIT'S Post Office Department recently introduced the Mumtaz Post Service to Burkina Faso. The charge will be KD5 for the first half kilogramme or part thereof and KD2 for every additional half kilogramme or part thereof. The maximum weight is 20 kilogrammes.

The Post Office also announced a change in the regulations regarding postal items to Yugoslavia. It said that postal items to private persons of Yugoslavia or foreign nationality may contain articles upto Yugoslav Dinars 175,000 in value, excluding postage.

It also said that it will now accept all commercial parcels addressed to the Yemen Arab Republic even if they are not accompanied by import licences.

## 19 accidents

THERE were 19 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday.

Nine took place in the city, five in Hawalli and five in Ahmadi.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Palestinian uprising hailed

A KUWAIT newspaper yesterday hailed the popular uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands and accused the US of plotting to torpedo its momentum.

"It is a genuine revolution. The Palestinian people are seeking liberty, freedom and a dignified life," commented the daily Al Rai Al Am editorial.

The paper charged that Washington was "unleashing trial balloons" to distract world public opinion from the events in occupied Palestine by means of making "fufle", peace proposals.

But the paper asserted that all American-Israeli schemes against the Palestinian people and their revolutions are doomed to fail.

The daily emphasised that the will of Palestinian people has hardened as a result of the current upheaval which started last December 8.

## GULF PRESS

### Jordan pressing for peace conference

JORDAN, capitalising on the US renewed interest in Middle East peace, is pressing for full powers to be given to a proposed international peace conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, a United Arab Emirates newspaper reported yesterday.

The Abu Dhabi-based Al Ittihad newspaper quoted Arab diplomats in Amman as saying Jordan considered Washington's new ideas for peace in the Middle East as "very advanced" compared with President Reagan's initiative of Sept 1982.

However, the paper said Amman was lobbying for mandatory rules to be accorded to the regional committees that would emanate from the conference.

The purpose is to come out with realistic and acceptable solutions to the complex crisis, the paper quoted the diplomats as saying.

If said approval of the formula was being sought by Jordan through talks conducted earlier this week by Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai in Egypt and Syria, Al Rifai was expected to visit Iraq and Saudi Arabia, in addition to other Arab countries before presenting the formula to US Secretary of State George Shultz, who is due in the region next week.

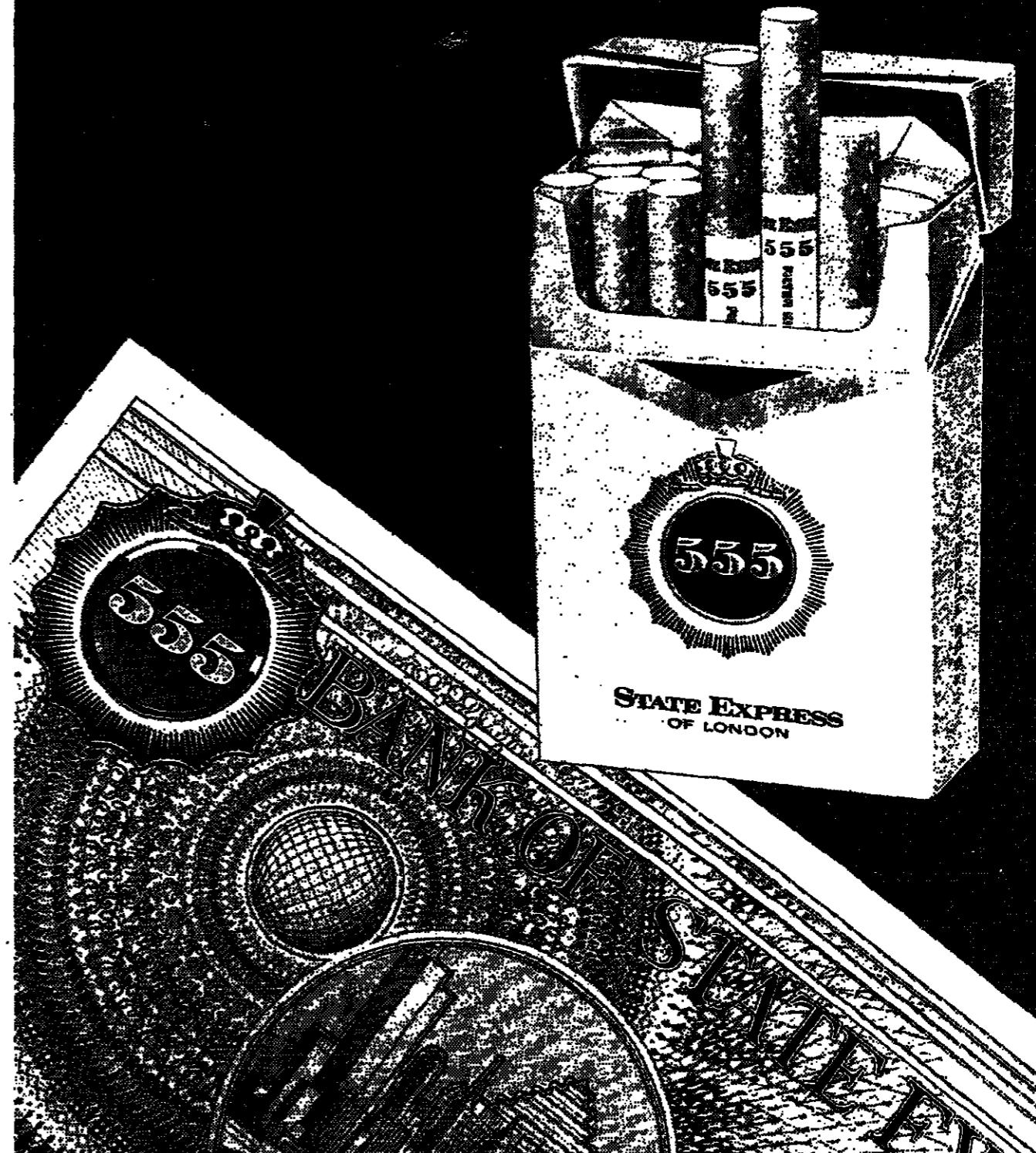
Al Ittihad quoted the sources as saying Jordan's King Hussein has already received the support of certain European countries during his recent tour.

### Shaheen meets Soviet, US envoys

FOREIGN Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen met yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Ernest Zverev and US Ambassador Nathaniel Howell.

Talks during the meetings dealt with bilateral relations and developments of the situation in the region as well as international issues of mutual concern.

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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

A MAN is not old until regrets take the place of dreams  
—John Barrymore, US actor (1882-1942).

## PLO a major force at United Nations

By Candice Hughes

**UNITED NATIONS:** The PLO's observer mission to the United Nations is made up of only five people, but it has wielded a lot of influence at the world body since it opened in 1975.

A dramatic speech by PLO leader Yasser Arafat to the General Assembly in 1974 led to the opening of the mission, which the United States now is planning to close.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is mustering its support at the United Nations to fight the decision, and says it expects to win.

If it doesn't the PLO and its Arab allies say they will try to move the General Assembly to Geneva or some other city where the Palestinian group would be welcome.

"If the PLO mission is incapacitated ... then the UN assembly should have another venue," Arab League spokesman Clovis Maksood told reporters in Washington Wednesday.

**Frontline:**

The PLO mission is made up of three political officers and two secretaries headquartered in a four-storey Manhattan townhouse.

Zehri Terzi, a dapper, soft-spoken diplomat who sports a grey goatee, has headed the mission since it opened. Terzi and his daughter live there.

Terzi has kept the Palestinian issue at the forefront in the United Nations.

The General Assembly, which regards the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, usually devotes a full week of its 12-week session to the issue.

Since Terzi's arrival, the assembly has set up the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of Palestinian People and the special committee to investigate Israeli practices in the occupied territories.

The latter committee regularly accuses Israel of violating the human rights of Palestinians in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and occupied Jerusalem. Terzi's birthplace.

The secretary, the huge UN bureaucracy, has a special division.

## Missing male baby starts row in India

By Seema Sirohi

**NEW DELHI, (AP):** When hospital maternity workers presented Raj Bala Chauhan with a baby girl, she protested that she gave birth to a boy, and said it was stolen and sold by "callous and greedy staff members."

"I will not leave the hospital until my baby is returned to me," the 20-year-old mother said Thursday, a day after exhumation of an infant's body finally put to rest the hospital's earlier theory that her male child died soon after birth.

Mrs Chauhan's nearly month-long protest led to controversy over maternity wards in the Indian capital. One newspaper reported that an organised "baby racket" was stealing and selling favoured male infants in the city's hospitals.

Hospital officials deny this, but some other authorities say there is evidence to support it. Mrs Chauhan agrees.

"I think my son has been sold," she said in an interview. "I fed my child three days and how can they give me a girl baby?"

New Delhi's largest newspaper, the Hindustan Times, reported that baby boys regularly disappeared from Safdarjung Hospital — where Mrs Chauhan's son was born — and other city hospitals.

The paper alleged they are stolen and sold to childless couples by the staff. Many of them are illegitimate and often unwanted by their own parents, the paper said. Others are recovered from the streets and are supposed to be turned over to adoption agencies.

**Prestige:**

Sons in India's male-dominated society enjoy greater prestige, importance and economic power than women. A male child is a potential wage earner in the eyes of parents, while a daughter is considered a liability because parents have to collect a dowry for her marriage.

Mrs Chauhan says her child was born prematurely Jan 13 and

## Erroneous report

**SIR:** This refers to an article entitled "Lee Kuan Yew proves analysts wrong" by Lucy Komisar published in Arab Times on Feb 6, 1988. This article is replete with factual errors.

Firstly, Komisar writes "six young social activists sit in prison ...". This is not true. In fact, among the group of Marxists detained in June 1987 only one is still in detention. Vincent Cheng has admitted that he was a Marxist setting up a communist network, infiltrating organisations and religious bodies, building up pressures which could lead to public disorder even "rioting, bloodshed and violence."

Secondly, Komisar said that those detained were "mostly clergymen". The truth is that none of the detainees is from the clergy.

Thirdly, Komisar writes that the Singapore government banned the "Far Eastern Economic Review" because it ran an interview with a priest who edited The Catholic News and lied the country in fear after these arrests.

The facts are quite different.

In June 1987, the Prime Minister met the Catholic Archbishop and a delegation of priests and some leaders to explain the arrest of 16 Marxist cons-

pirators and some church workers, and to clarify the government was not acting against the church.

The Review published an alleged account of this meeting obtained from Edgar D'Souza, a priest who was not present at the meeting.

When the government asked FEER if it had checked the story with the Archbishop or the Prime Minister to substantiate those allegations, the Review denied any need to check its facts as it was reporting D'Souza's statement.

In other words, the Review claimed the right to publish anything — true, false or defamatory — as long as it could attribute it to a source.

Because of partisan reporting, the Singapore government reluctantly concluded that the Review had interfered in Singapore's politics. The government has not banned the Review but it has reduced its circulation from 9,000 to 500 copies in order to cut down revenue derived from sales and advertising in Singapore. The citizens and residents of Singapore have not been forbidden from reading the Review or reproducing articles from it.

Finally, contrary to Komisar's allegation, candidates for elections were not ordered to

supply their tax returns for the past 12 years.

**Mushahid Ali,  
Charge d'Affaires,  
Singapore Embassy,  
Riyadh.**

## Unfair bus fare

**SIR:** I request KPTC to review the bus fares on route No. 101,

which is a convenient route from Kuwait to Fahheel, plying via Shuaikha, Khaitan, Farwaniya, Airport, Sabhan and Ahmad.

KPTC charges 200 fils from Kuwait to Fahheel, Ahmadi, Sabhan and Airport. The bus fare from Kuwait to Farwaniya, Khaitan and Shuaikha is 150 fils; and they charge 100 fils from passengers going from Fahheel to Ahmadi.

The fare for Fahheel is justified by the long distance. But for 200 fils for short distances, for example from a passenger who commutes between Farwaniya and Sabhan or between Ahmadi and Fahheel, is not fair. This discrepancy in fares leads to misunderstanding between passengers and bus drivers.

I request the KPTC to review the fares schedule and introduce reasonable fares on short distance routes.

**Prabhu Mendonca,  
Safat.**

supply their tax returns for the past 12 years.

## Clean up the buses

**SIR:** The air-conditioned buses operated by KPTC on the "express routes" — 501, 502 and 505 — have not been cleaned for months. Each time I board the bus I try to avoid the dust and grime, but it's impossible. As the ride is invariably bumpy — drivers are forever in a hurry — I have to grip the seat rest to remain in one piece, or risk falling into the arms of a fellow-passenger.

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**John Flanagan,  
Mina Al Zoor.**

## Replace boards

**SIR:** Many of the electronic boards put up by companies in the city are in bad shape. No doubt, they are subject to constant battering by harsh weather, particularly strong

winds. But the dilapidated boards hardly serve the purpose for which they have been installed. Concerned companies should replace these boards as decoration and beautification of the city is already underway for the National Day celebrations.

**James P. Charles,  
Safat.**

## Fictitious match

**SIR:** This refers to the report "Moonlight beat BKME" which appeared on Feb 16.

The story is baseless.

BKME Cricket Club is not participating in Sabah League Tournament currently in progress at Safeway ground. The reported match was in fact between Blue Star Cricket Club and Moonlight.

Mehmed Bastaki, Ramesh Chandran and Shaikat did not play in the said match.

Even details of the match were distorted as Shahid did not score 29 runs. It is also wrongly mentioned that Shahid and Amjad shared eight wickets between them. The official score card indicates Shahid took three wickets and Amjad got one wicket only.

Due to this highly unsporting act which is unethical and illegal, the organising committee has disqualified Moonlight



Club and all its players have been banned from Sabah tournament this season and further two seasons.

**Naseem Khurshid,  
Organiser,  
Sabah Cricket League.**

## Baseless

**SIR:** We want to bring to your notice that the report "Moonlight beat BKME" is fictitious.

BKME have not entered in the Sabah League Tournament, and the said report has affected the reputation of our club.

**Stephen Machado,  
sports secretary,  
BKME.**

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## Reagan legacy clouded on ethics in government

By Christopher Hanson

able to vouch for the behaviour of all of them."

He said many allegations of misconduct have not stood up under investigation. Accusations alone are not proof of guilt.

What bothers critics is that Reagan has seemed nonchalant or oblivious to the string of charges. Commenting recently on his historical legacy, he told reporters: "I hope the imprint will be one of high moral values."

Democrat Mark Green, who heads the liberal Democracy Project think-tank in New York, said Reagan had to be joking.

Independent counsel James McKay is investigating allegations that Attorney General Edwin Meese, the nation's top law enforcement official, knew of a plan by close friend E. Robert Wallach, now under indictment for fraud, to pay off some Israelis as part of an Iraqi oil pipeline scheme.

## Investigation

McKay has suspended an earlier investigation of Meese for his alleged role in an influence peddling scandal concerning the Wedtech Corporation. Investigators say the probe could be revived if Wallach or his associates provide evidence against Meese.

Last week Lyn Nofziger, a long-time Reagan aide, was found guilty of illegally lobbying Meese on behalf of Wedtech. He was also convicted of lobbying White House staffers on behalf of aircraft manufacturer Fairchild Industries and a union that sought more civilian jobs on Navy ships.

Nofziger, who is seeking to overturn his criminal conviction that carries a maximum six-year prison sentence, is the first person ever convicted of influence peddling under the 1978 ethics in government law. The statute was adopted as part of the reforms

stemming from the Watergate scandal.

His case represented another embarrassment for the White House, already hit by the perjury conviction last December of former deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, a close friend of Reagan and his wife Nancy.

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## Display

"Early in 1989, I was in Macy's book store in New York, and I saw a big display of 'Mein Kampf' for sale, the English-language version, which I had never seen. I'd read the German-language version."

"Mein Kampf" German for "My Struggle" was Hitler's rambling, rage-filled blueprint for world domination of Europe.

"As I picked it up, I knew it wasn't the real book because it was much less weighty, it was much thinner. It turned out it had been edited so that a good bit that Hitler wrote was left out," including sections showing Hitler's plans for the world.

To get out the truth, Cranston said, he conspired with "my friend, Amster Spiro, who was a Hearst (newspaper) editor" to publish an anti-Nazi version of Mein Kampf. Unknown to them, two other publishers were doing the same thing.

"I wrote this, dictated it (from Hitler's German text) in about eight days to a battery of secretaries in a loft in Manhattan," recalled Cranston.

"One of these secretaries (a young Jewish woman) apparently thought, 'my God, what's this? mixed up in?' She was anti-Semitic, anti-democratic, anti-everything," B'nai Brith, and Benjamin R. Epstein, later to direct the ADL for 30 years, soon was poking around the house, asking questions.

"I quit journalism," Cranston said in an interview, "because... I was too concerned about events unfolding in the world with Hitler and Mussolini to spend my life just recording such events. I'd rather be involved in the action."

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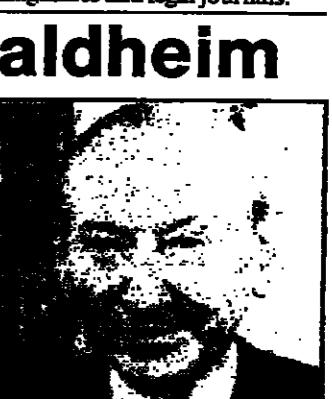
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- Neal Ascherson, a respected commentator for the British weekly The Observer, wrote this Sunday:

"(There is) ... mounting circumstantial evidence that somebody weeded the world's archives for him after the war in the matter of the executed British commandos, for instance."

"(Waldheim) was a cog in the



**Kurt Waldheim**



## Table Talk

BY DINAH

DO hotel buffets bore you? Do you face those impressive displays of mezze thinking, "Stuff the vine leaves!" If you feel you can't look another boiled prawn in the eye (even with its thousand island dressing), it's probably time you gave your palate a holiday.

Fortunately in Kuwait you don't have to travel thousands of miles to try exotic cuisine, as there are so many ethnic restaurants catering for the different nationalities working in the country. Recently the number of places serving Filipino food has increased. One of the longer established of these is the Far East Restaurant, located on the first floor of the Salia Building—just off Fahd Al Salem Street and near the entrance to the Salia Complex.

It's easy to forget you are in

Kuwait as you sit surrounded by Filipinos chattering away in Tagalog. Large pictures of scenes from the Philippines, cane and shell lampshades and bamboo-patterned curtains all add to the authenticity of the atmosphere. The Far East Restaurant is simply furnished with wooden tables and chairs and the tableware is cheap and cheerful. Up-beat music playing gently in the background creates a light-hearted mood. Don't be dismayed when you find that the menu is mainly in Tagalog, for the waiter, who has an excellent command of English, will patiently describe every dish for you, if you ask. In fact the service throughout the meal was excellent.

## Range

It would be quite possible to eat a simple, filling meal at the Far East for as little as KD3 per person, as the average price of dishes is KD1.500. However, as we wanted to try a wide range of items on the menu, we ordered a much more lavish, and consequently more expensive, meal than you might have in mind; our total bill for a two-course lunch for two coming to KD12.050, including fruit juices, water and coffee. The specialities of the house are, without a doubt, the excellent seafood and fish dishes, but the

## Risk

When adventuring in unfamiliar cuisine one runs the risk of ordering something that demands an acquired taste. This happened to us with the

Pinakbet na Hipon. A vegetable stew of aubergine, pumpkin okra, onion and bitter gourd cooked in a fish stock and decorated with a jumbo prawn, it had an extremely sour flavour which I found unpleasant.

Filipino desserts too, are not for the uninitiated. The Mais con Yelo consisted of a tin of sweetcorn poured with its brine into a parfait glass mixed with milk and topped with tasteless crushed ice. The result was very salty. The Saging na Saba con Yelo was a sweeter version of the same dish using dried banana pieces instead of sweetcorn. Coffee at the Far East consists of nescafe and creamer in sachets and the fresh orange juice we ordered was very diluted for 500 fils. The Far East Restaurant is well worth a visit for an informal lunch or dinner but I would recommend that you leave out the desserts and drinks for a more economical meal.

**RESTAURANT:** The Far East Restaurant  
**TYPE:** Filipino  
**MEAL:** Two course à la carte lunch  
**PRICE:** KD12.050 (for two). Star rating (out of five):

**FOOD:** ★★★★  
**SERVICE:** ★★★★  
**ATMOSPHERE:** ★★★  
**VALUE FOR MONEY:** ★★★★

## WHAT'S ON

## CINEMA

## Czech Cinema

"Introducing Czechoslovak Cinema" will be held from Feb 20 to 24. A selection of animated and feature films will be shown.

They are:

Feb 20: Visit Prague (animated film); followed by feature "Last Greetings from the Planet Earth".

Feb 21: Service (animated); and The Seller of Humour.

Feb 22: The King and the Goblin (animated); and Hurry, He's Coming.

Feb 23: Mr. Pip's Trip (animated); Watch Out, the Rounds.

Feb 24: Janko: The Pea in the Glass; Cuckoo in the Dark Forest.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. Children not allowed inside the auditorium. The festival has been organised by the Kuwait Cine Club.

## THEATRE

## KLT

Kuwait Little Theatre (KLT), Ahmad, will hold auditions for the summer musical at its premises at 7.30 pm on Feb 19. Backstage helpers also needed. For further details contact 3985246 after 3 pm.

## Kuwait Players

"Do Not Disturb," an adult comedy written by Michael Pertwee will be performed at 8 pm on Feb 22, 23, 24 and 25 at the Universal American School. For reservations ring 5613465; 5745838; 5619244. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## SOCIAL

**Sur Sangeet Group** A variety show featuring Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu songs and ghazals will be held on Friday, 6 pm, at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

## Ladies Tea Party

The International Ladies Tea Party will hold a fancy dress competition at their next meeting on March 2 at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. A karate expert will demonstrate self-defence techniques. For participating contact 5317390; 5386297.

## Photography Contest

All members of Kapilku, the Filipino organisation in Kuwait, are invited to take part in a photography contest on "Portrait of Filipinos" in Kuwait. All entries must be (minimum) 20 x 40 cms. Prints can be in black and white or colour. Each contestant is allowed to submit a maximum of three entries. All entries must be titled or captioned and mounted on a white illustration board. The last date for submitting entries is March 1. They can be submitted at the Philippine Embassy and all the Filipino restaurants in Kuwait. Winners will receive valuable prizes, including 30 consolation prizes; the names of winners will be announced after March 4.

## Martyr's Day

Bangladeshis will hold a meeting and print a booklet to mark the Martyrs' Day. Badesik, the Bangladeshi



A scene from The Seller of Humour (above), one of the Czech films to be shown next week. Below: A still from an animated feature film from Czechoslovakia.



A still from an animated feature film from Czechoslovakia.

cajun rice and much more. Listen to jazz blues played by the Magnetic Band Quartet.

## At the SAS

Experience the exotic charm of the Orient at Tuesday's Sahrat Al Kheima — Oriental Night — in The Tent. An Arabian bazaar features perfumes, jewellery, clothes, rugs and other items. Buffet dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

## SPORTS

**Raft Race** Raft Race 1988 entry forms and rules are now available from the Messilah Beach Hotel. First captain's meeting at MBH, Al Foz Suite, on March 1, 6.30 pm. For further details contact the hotel, ext: 712/751/705.

## Filipino Non-Pro

Bowling League This week's match is on Thursday (Feb 16), 6 pm to 8 pm; between Pasay City and Paranaque; and on Friday, Feb 19, mornings, Marikina vs Paranaque and Makati vs. Malabon and in the afternoon Manila vs. Mandaluyong; Navatas vs. Valenzuela; Las Pinas vs. Pasig. All matches will be held at the Club 300.

## Boys Own Club

The third seven-a-side football tournament takes place on Feb 19 at Al Soor Grounds. Draw will be held at 7 am and the first game begins at 7.30 am. All teams wishing to participate contact Joe D'Souza—Tel: 4813623/25 ext. 147.

## Ladies Sports Club

Application forms are available from the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club for the proposed Ladies Sports Club. The club is open from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Tel: 5740670.

**At the Meridien** Crepe festival continues until Feb 24 in Al Waha Palace. Every Thursday, eat to the beat at Tony and Remy's jam session in La Brasserie.

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Diploma Engineers Society, will hold a discussion on the "Bengali Language Day" on Friday, Feb 26, from 3 pm at the home of Shaifulillah Dewan, Abbasia. The Bandhan Natty Chakra will publish a booklet to mark the occasion.

## Kuwait Welsh Society

Annual St David's Day dinner at Messilah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912584.

## Kuwait Irish Society

St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact — 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

## Music Concert '88

Adeeb, Lynley (vocals), Amar (guitar/vocals), Asim (keyboard-synthesizer), Murtaza (bass guitar) and Raza (drums) will participate in the Music Concert '88, due to be held on Feb 19 at Al Andalus Cinema. They will present a variety of songs, originally sung by such groups as Duran Duran, Europe, Bonjovi and others. Tickets available at Al Andalus box office. For details contact — 5618482 or 3983165 (Adeeb).

## Kuwait Natural History Group

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb 25, at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. An illustrated talk on Peru will be given by Ms Kathleen Scanlon.

## HOTELS

**At the Ramada Al Salam** El Bendar Coffee Shop, open 24 hours, offers family brunch on Friday from 12 noon to 3

pm. Highlights include painting competition for children, games, magic show and ship's discovery tour. Children's parties will be held on Feb 25 and 26. For details contact the hotel at the Continental.

Gardens offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

Enjoy Arab world specialities in Le Tarboche on Thursday night; Le Tarboche features Lebanese cuisine for lunch and dinner on Fridays. Dine in the Hums Room with music by Trio Paradise; for lunch Hunt Room offers a la carte. For a Friday outing visit Al Hamra restaurant and enjoy special lunch buffet from 11 am to 4 pm.

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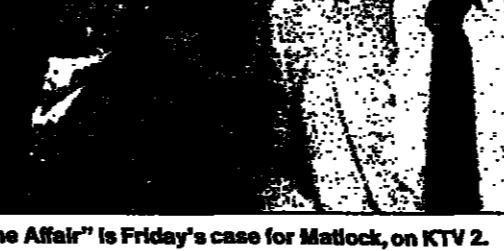
## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 10.00 News Summary  
10.05 World News via Satellite  
10.20 Hikayat Min Aalam: Stories from Around the World  
11.00 Prophet's (PBUH) Saying: religious programme  
11.15 Friday Prayer  
12.15 Min Wah Al Ayat Al Bayan: religious serial  
1.00 News Summary  
1.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 INTERVAL  
2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV  
3.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi  
4.00 Sufed Jhoot: Hindi feature film, starring Rakesh Roshan, Ashok Kumar. A young executive takes sick leave to honeymoon with his wife at a hill resort. Complication arises when the man's boss turns up for a holiday and stays at the same hotel. Comedy.  
9.00 News Summary  
10.20 World News via Satellite  
2.00 Liqa Al Khamis: roundup of local events  
3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'aab: cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays the debonair detective, Simon Templar.  
5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme  
6.00 Alwan: presented by Rola Farah  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Show Jumping: presented by Ali Hamdi  
7.30 Mahfoum Ayesh Farhan: Arabic serial. Starring Sayeda Kawari, Basma Hamada, Huda Hamada, Hilal Mohammad.  
8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr Khalid Al Madikour  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 From People's Art  
10.25 Mushabab Talath: a Arabic feature film starring Laila Alwi, Karam Mutawa, Ilham Shahin, Ali Al Sharif. The adventurous story of three girls on the run.  
12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Amna Al Sharah.  
1.30 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer. American basketball and sports magazine  
1.35 World News via Satellite  
2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer. American basketball and sports magazine  
3.15 World News via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown



"The Affair" is Friday's case for Matlock, on KTV 2.



Joseph Bologna plays Nick Foley in Rags to Riches, on KTV 2.



Roger Moore plays Simon Templar in The Saint, today on KTV 1.

Foley plans to build a hotel while his girls become street vendors. News in English  
8.40 Spenser for Hire: "An Eye For An Eye." Spenser's reputation is threatened by a defamation suit and his alleged involvement with gangsters.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Theo's Flight". Theo wants to take flying lessons; but father Huxtable is not happy about the bill.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show: British illusionist Paul Daniels returns with more magic and tricks.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Desperate Voyage." Starring Christopher Plummer, Cliff Potts, Christine Belford, Lara Parker, Jonathan Banks. Plummer plays a villainous modern

day pirate who waits for SOS signals and then proceeds to give the troubled seamen anything but help. Duration: 104 minutes.

## 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

3.00 Holy Quran  
3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra: Princess of Power: "A Loss of Words." Cartoons.

6.30 Airwolf: "Code of Silence". After a helicopter crash, a member of the Airwolf team is accused of negligence.

7.30 Spitting Image

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

9.05 Matlock: "The Affair". A maid working with a wealthy couple is accused of killing her employer. The dead man's widow is convinced the maid is innocent.

9.30 Weekend: local programme

10.00 What A Country: "Citizenship Pain". Nikolai is convinced he is being followed by the KGB; Mr Brown has a plan.

10.30 Crime Story: "Ground Zero". Lucas is acquitted by the court; and triumphantly rebuilds his underground empire

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## CINEMA TODAY

- Kuwait  
Al Ahlam Pharmacy  
Souk Muttahedha  
Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Baghdad Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Salem St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Khayam Pharmacy  
Beirut St.  
Salmiya and Rumaihiya  
Al Deeh Pharmacy  
Shua'a Al Sabab Bldg., Amman St.  
Fahadeel and Ahmad  
Al Burjan Pharmacy  
Souk Sabab, F'heel  
Khatan  
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy  
Raja an Commercial Cent., South St.  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Mafraq St.  
FRIDAY  
Kuwait  
Al Watan Pharmacy  
Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg.  
Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Salem Pharmacy  
nr. Universal, Mubarak Al Kabir St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Noora Pharmacy  
Othman St.  
Salmiya and Rumaihiya  
Al Fida Pharmacy  
Ahmad Jarallah Bldg.  
Khansa St.  
Fahadeel and Ahmad  
Al Khaleej Pharmacy  
Mujamma St., F'heel  
Farwania  
Al Najat Pharmacy  
Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Zahra  
New Market

## CINEMA TODAY

- FRIDAY  
Al Fahheel  
Shah Darbar (Bengali)

Al Jabra  
Tarzan's New York Adventures

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THERE was a marvellous report in last Tuesday's Guardian newspaper about the success of a new traffic campaign in Denmark. What the cunning Danes did was to put up cardboard policemen near notorious speeding areas. Motorists instinctively slowed down as soon as they saw the policemen and accidents were cut by over 30 per cent. It gave me a few ideas.

Why don't they put styrofoam police cars all along the Fifth Ring Road? It would cut accidents by half. Come to think of it I'm pretty sure they've got cardboard clerks in most of the ministries and offices I have to visit. At least judging from the results of my efforts to get things done, the officials might as well be made of cardboard. After all, who is better to do the paperwork than a paperman?

#### Problems

Think of the advantages, ministries could stay open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, no overtime to worry about, no holidays for the 'staff'. I'm going to introduce cardboard employees in a big way, starting own employment agency. No more trouble with maids complaining about ill-treatment. Get one of my cardboard ones and you can beat her all day long without any problems, she's guaranteed never to complain to her Embassy.

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## Paper tigers

By Keith Wells

taperecorder that said 'Matters of mutual interest ... bilateral relations and under the auspices.'

Of course they'd be pretty cheap, I think I'll rent them out for about five dinars a month. Then whenever the Ministry of the Interior get unhappy about illegal residents and so on I could sell them a job lot so's they could deport thousands of them in one fell swoop. The airlines would be delighted since they could pack them into the holds and not even bother to

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since I'll produce them right here in sunny Shuwaikh, genuine Kuwaitis every one of them. When they wear out, you simply throw them away and get some more. Next time the police ask to see my papers, they're in for a big surprise!

I've already started, in a small way, and if you look closely you will see some of my employees working as models in local shop windows. But this is only the beginning. Once they've got a bit of experience and on-the-job training I'm

could use one as their spokesman for Palestinian Rights.

I'm looking for really big orders. I think my best bet for mass subscriptions will be from the local football stadiums which are always embarrassingly empty whenever they show those stunningly exciting matches between Abdoaya and Hawalli or whoever. With twenty thousand of men on their feet and cheering like mad, the whole event will be transformed.

Of course, a lot of them will be applying for jobs as harises, and with a cardboard guard on duty your building will always be safe. Indeed, they will be able to do minor repairs and handle complaints much more efficiently than at present. In fact, they are perfect for positions of authority dealing with complaints from the public, they will listen to you patiently and with real understanding and then take exactly the same course of action as the present incumbents who are earning a hundred times the salary.

If you are interested in employing one of my superbly trained, and jubilantly obedient workers please get in touch. My telephonist will be happy to take your order and my large staff of clerks will get it filled in record time. Please state sex, age and nationality and any special attributes you may require, such as uniforms, dashas, abayas or equipment like cups of tea and newspapers which can be built in to give that really lifetime quality.

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serve them with cardboard meals.

Yes, the idea really has possibilities. How about telephonists? All over the country companies are spending millions of dinars employing telephonists who never bother to answer their phones. I'll replace them all at a fraction of the price with Mr Keith's Genuine Cardboard Telephone Operators and get the same results for a fraction of the price.

You won't have anymore visa problems for your staff

sure they'll be able to apply for more demanding positions. I think I'll send a few to university to get a bit of education. I've consulted a few teachers about this and they all agree that my workers should have no problem keeping up with the other students.

They'll have to specialise of course, I think I'll appoint quite a lot of them as spokesmen for various institutions, they should be able to do a much better job than the present holders. For example, the Israelis

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"Mommy, George Bush is picking on me."

"What did he say, Bobby?"

"He said I called him a lap dog. I didn't call him a lap dog. The Rev. Robertson did."

"It doesn't surprise me, Bobby. Georgie has a history of meanness."

"He also accused me of having a record of cronyism."

"That boy should have his mouth washed out with soap and water. What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to hit him where it counts. I'm going to say he is just a rich kid who doesn't know what it's like to be poor and down and out in New Hampshire."

"Bobby, that's mean and vicious and not presidential — but I like it."

"Mommy, Mommy, I just told Georgie he was a spoiled mean brat and he said Elizabeth's blind trust has more holes in it than Swiss cheese."

"Don't just sit there and cry. Kick him in the shins."

## The Art Buchwald Column

### Sticks and stones

"I will, Mommy. I'm going to say George Bush would have traded the Sixth Fleet to Iran for an autographed picture of the Ayatollah Khomeini."

"That's good, Bobby. Play hardball so no one can impugn your integrity."

"OK ... Mommy. Mommy, I called Georgie another Spiro Agnew and he said I was part of the problem."

"Why would he say that?"

"Because I also told him all he ever did for Reagan was grovel in the mud in the Rose Garden."

"You had every right to say it. It's an open secret."

"I know what I'm going to do, Mommy. When Georgie walks by the house I'm going to accuse him of negative campaigning."

"That's nice. Have a

cookie."

"Mommy, Mommy, I told Georgie he was engaging in negative campaigning, and he said he only started doing it after I called him a wimp."

"He hates being called a wimp. All wimps do."

"Can I say Georgie doesn't know anything about anything because he's not a leader and all he has done for seven years is sit on the bench waiting for his number to be called?"

"Of course you can say it, Bobby. You can also call him a twit if you want to."

"I'm going to say he's a wimp. Georgie doesn't understand the small-town ways of New Hampshire because he's an urban dweller and only knows people who go to French restaurants to eat quiche."

"What can I call him now?"

"How about saying he's the 'father of his country'?"

"That's not mean."

"If you say it, Bobby, everyone will think it is."

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"Mommy, Mommy, George said I hurt Gerry Ford in his election in '76 because I was the bad guy."

"Don't let it bother you, son. George just said that because you have a faster tongue than he does. You go back out there and tell him he is not only a wimp and a twit, but a toady as well."

"Mommy, Georgie now wants me to apologise for calling him a toady."

"Don't do it. Once you apologise you'll wind up taking the high road. You can't afford to let Bush have the low road all to himself."

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Turkey and Iran agree to boost trade relations

ANKARA, Turkey, Feb 17. (AP): Foreign ministers Mesut Velayati of Turkey and Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran yesterday discussed ways to improve bilateral trade relations, a Turkish official said.

The volume of trade between the two countries has declined steadily over the past two years from \$2.9 billion in 1985 to \$1.4 billion last year.

The government official, who requested anonymity, said Velayati asked Turkey to fulfil its pledge to import \$80 million worth of products other than oil. Last year, Turkey imported only \$8 million worth of products other than oil.

**Interest**

Velayati also expressed interest in building a joint oil pipeline but there were still some financial problems to be worked out, the official added. He said the issue would be discussed again during Premier Turgut Ozal's visit to Tehran on Feb 28.

The proposed pipeline would carry crude from the Ahwaz oil fields in southwestern Iran to a Turkish terminal at Doryol at the eastern tip of Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Ozal's visit will follow a joint economic commission meeting between the two countries that is scheduled to begin in Tehran on Feb 24.

Velayati expressed his country's satisfaction with Turkey's neutral policy in the Gulf war, the official said.

## Oman cuts oil output

MUSCAT, Feb 17. (Reuters): Oman has started a five per cent cut in oil production to help stabilise the world market, government sources said today.

Petroleum and Minerals Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanshafi announced earlier this month Oman would reduce its oil output to 536,750 barrels per day (bpd) from 565,000 barrels.

## Greenspan voices support for World Bank

# Stability emerges in US economy

WASHINGTON, Feb 17. (AP): Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said today that financial conditions seem to influence interest rates "seem to be in relative balance" in the United States.

Greenspan's comments, made in a speech to the Bretton Woods committee, appeared to suggest that no major action by the Federal Reserve — the US central bank — on US interest rates is imminent.

### Prospects

There has been speculation in recent days that the nation's central bank might be on the verge of easing credit through a lowering of its discount rate, the rate it charges banks and other financial institutions for direct loans.

Asked about interest rates, Greenspan said that "evidence of the most recent past" was in the direction of "emerging stability" in the economy of the United States and other industrial nations.

The Bretton Woods committee is a private organization formed to rally support in Congress for the World Bank and other international institutions.

Greenspan also voiced support for a proposal for a \$75-million increase in World Bank

funds sought by bank president Barber Conable, claiming it was needed to help developing nations pursue sound economic policies.

### Work

Conable stressed the need to expand the bank's efforts in support of basic poverty alleviation programmes and efforts to secure the natural resources base in developing countries.

In a speech to the Bretton Woods committee Conable said that the bank's board is considering capital increase proposals, which would include a possible \$75 billion boost to bring capital base of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) — as the World Bank is formally known — to \$171 billion.

Commenting on the reasons for a capital increase, he said the bank will strengthen programmes that attack absolute poverty, increase efforts to ensure that

adjustment enhances, rather than retards, prospects for the poor.

Conable added the bank will boost its work in the field of development and the environment, boost its support for economic policy reform and adjustment, continue significant lending in support of basic infrastructure development.

He noted that the bank will make an important contribution in assisting highly indebted nations to regain creditworthiness.

### Crisis

The World Bank president announced that the bank would seek to strengthen its work in the area of stimulating private sector contributions to development and that a high level panel of experts has just been formed to develop recommendations on this front.

On the debt crisis Conable stressed the need for determined,

constructive efforts aimed at securing solutions between the governments of the industrial and the developing countries, the commercial creditors and the multilateral institutions.

He underlined the vital requirement of determined adjustment programmes for the restoration of creditworthiness and noted that the debtor nations will need to have the keys to reform and to capital in seeking the way out of their difficulties.

Conable said that he will seek to facilitate the debt workout process between creditors and debtors. At the same time he noted that new money will still be needed for the highly indebted nations and in addition to its own direct lending, the bank "has to use our ingenuity, particularly in developing effective instruments of credit enhancement such as co-financing schemes and effective use of guarantees to attract this new money."

## Domestic sales boost Toyota earnings

## World Business Summary

### UAE oil exports totalled \$4b in first half of 1987

ABU DHABI, Feb 17. (Opecma): The UAE oil exports during the first half of 1987 reached \$4.09 billion against \$3.6 billion over the same period a year earlier. According to a Central Bank bulletin here, gas exports increased in value to \$0.68 billion against \$0.59 billion over the same period, recording a 13.6 per cent increase. The report said the country's non-oil exports rose by 44.7 per cent in value during the period, while re-exports went up to \$1.49 billion from \$1.03 billion a year earlier. Imports rose 6.6 per cent reaching \$3.54 billion from \$3.2 billion, the bank said, adding that indicators pointed to an improvement in the overall performance of the country's economy.

The country recorded a trade surplus of \$2.72 billion over the same period, the report noted.

Meanwhile, Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said today that "I am convinced that \$18 is a reasonable level of pricing for consumers and producers," he told a meeting of Japanese oil industry officials.

"We are allowing our production to drop below the allocated quota for us. Whoever feels our oil is too expensive for him, can find cheaper oil elsewhere," he said.

The market price of oil today was about \$16 per barrel.

Oteiba said he was determined to squash rumours the UAE would offer its customers a discount to the price agreed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

## Indonesia to boost oil refining capacity

JAKARTA, Feb 17. (Reuter): Indonesia's state-owned Pertamina Oil Company announced today plans to build a \$700 million oil refinery to supply oil products to Asia. Company president director Abdur Rachman Ramly told parliament the refinery would be a British-designed plant, with a capacity of 100,000 barrels of refined products a day. Ramly said the plant would be built in East Java and produce products mainly for export. Industry sources said negotiations were taking place with British Petroleum, and financing would be from the British and Japanese sources.

Industry sources said the refinery would swell the glut in refining capacity and could hurt South-East Asia's refining centre of Singapore. "It's being built with an eye to when oil prices recover, possibly in a few years," said one oil industry executive. So far Indonesia's refining capacity has been mainly used to supply the domestic market. The new plant is part of a trend by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to expand export revenues by moving further into the refining end of the business. The sources said British Petroleum was discussing formation of a consortium with Japan's Mitsui and Mitsubishi companies.

Pertamina's processing director Jopie Oekon told reporters that Pertamina had completed a feasibility study and construction work would start soon. He did not elaborate.

The project would be financed by export credits and other kinds of soft loans from Britain and Japan, as well as commercial credits. The foreign contractors would recover costs by selling shares of the oil, with Japan as the likeliest market, industry sources said. Indonesia's present total refining capacity is 905,000 barrels a day, with an estimated actual output of 675,000 barrels a day.

## Economy poised for growth

# Japanese firms could survive another yen rise

TOKYO, Feb 17. (Reuters): Japanese companies should be able to survive another rise in the value of the yen thanks to the thorough re-structuring they have undergone to handle the currency's rise in the past two years, economists say.

The success with which Japan's economy has adapted to the soaring yen in the past two years has demonstrated its strength and apparently endless adaptability.

And economists here say that while the dollar-yen looks like stabilising around 130 yen for a while, the dollar is poised to continue its gradual fall over the long-term due to persistently huge US trade deficits.

Even if the yen does rise further, making Japan's exports increasingly expensive on world markets, Japanese firms should be able to survive because of the thorough re-structuring they

have undergone in the past couple of years, they said.

"I believe that Japan can survive another rise of the yen if its pace is gradual," said Kenji Mizutani, chief economist at Tokai Bank.

Kiekichi Honda, chief economist at the Bank of Tokyo, agreed. "Japanese business can be stamped upon, but it will always survive," he said.

Despite their long-term bearishness toward the dollar, economists believe its fall will not be rapid because the central banks of major nations have indicated their willingness to aggressively intervene in the markets.

**Rise**

The yen's more than 80 per cent rise against the US dollar since 1985 is generally believed by economists to have been the hardest blow to the Japanese economy since the oil shocks of the 1970s.

It did hurt the economy, cutting into the sales and profits of Japanese exporters and slowing economic growth to a virtual halt in the April-June quarter of 1987. Unemployment rose to a record 3.2 per cent in May, 1987.

But the economy began to recover in mid-1987, to the point where the Japanese economy is forecast to grow 3.8 per cent in the next financial year beginning April 1 after an estimated 3.7 per cent growth this year, respectable figures by international standards.

"The miraculous economic performance in the past two years demonstrated the soundness of the Japanese management system," said Tokai Bank's Mizutani.

Economists attribute the success to corporate efforts to cut production costs and a shift away from export-dependence to a greater emphasis on selling to the Japanese market.

Many companies have raised export prices, moved production overseas, encouraged the early retirement of senior employees, reduced order prices to smaller contractors and limited overtime work.

Japan's direct overseas investment is expected to exceed \$30 billion in this financial year against a record \$22 billion the previous year, according to a survey by a semi-official trade organisation.

One electronics parts manufacturer in Hokkaido, northern Japan, for example, now sells only 35 per cent of its output overseas compared with 78 per cent in late 1985.

The company, Hokuto Electronics, used to mainly produce cathode ray tubes, but it now makes electronics parts for popular Japanese-language word processors, an official said.

# The latest from Olivetti '88'

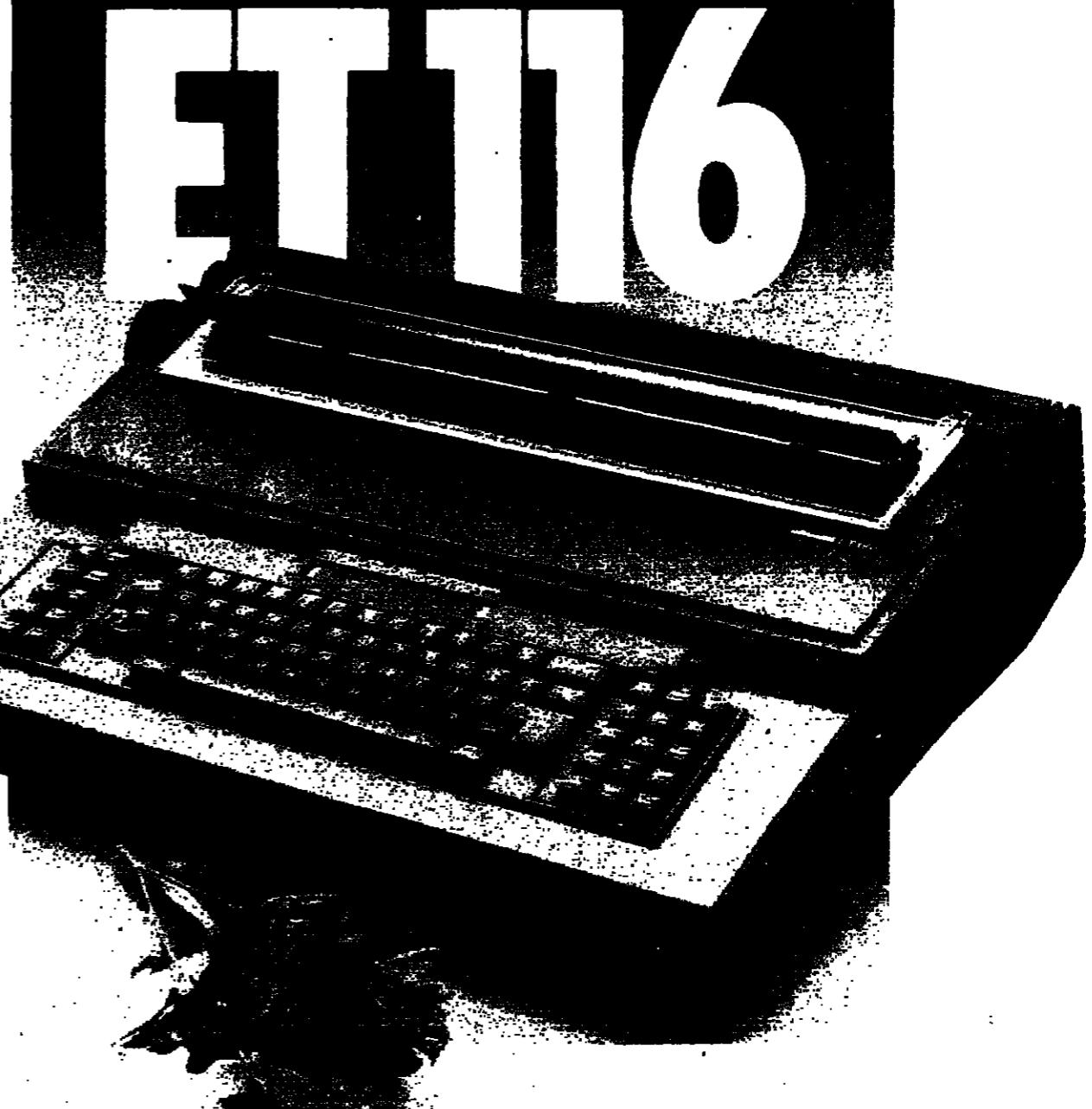
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## **World Indices**

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FT ALL SHR	97.27	90.68	92.42	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.76	88.47	88.31	88.49
FT GOLD MN	268.9	261.7	261.9	302.1
FT MINES F	436.79	405.82	410.10	450.65
FT OIL	1763.0	1754.8	1760.7	1663.6
FT WLD DLR	119.33	118.46	117.33	115.04
FT WLD STG	101.21	100.59	99.97	90.79
FT WLD LOC	107.22	106.39	105.82	99.08

## **London Stock Market Report**

**U.K. STOCKS FIRM IN LATE, SPARSE TRADE**  
LONDON, FEB 17 - SHARE PRICES CONTINUED FIRM IN LATE TRADING  
BUT VOLUME WAS STILL AT THE RECENT LOW LEVELS, DEALERS SAID.  
AT 1530 GMT, THE FTSE 100 WAS UP 13.9 POINTS AT 1,748.5  
AFTER A RALLY ON WALL STREET YESTERDAY AND ON HOPES OF TAX CUTS  
IN THE MARCH 15 U.K. BUDGET. BUT DEALERS SAID MUCH OF THE  
ADVANCE REFLECTED TACTICAL MOVES BY MARKET MAKERS IN A MARKET

"DESPITE TODAY'S MARK UP, I REALLY CAN'T SEE THIS MARKET GOING ANYWHERE IN THE NEAR TERM," ONE DEALER SAID. HE NOTED THAT BUSINESS WAS STILL MAINLY CONFINED TO PORTFOLIO MOVEMENT AND SHIFTING OPERATIONS, WITH LITTLE NEW INVESTMENT GOING ON.

SWITCHING OPERATIONS, WITH LITTLE NEW INVESTMENT GOING ON.

THE FIRMER TREND WAS AIDED BY HOPES THAT FORD WORKERS WILL ON THURSDAY APPROVE TUESDAY'S DEAL BY FORD U.K. AND UNION LEADERS TO END THE STRIKE. WHILE THERE IS RELIEF A LONG-TERM FORD STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED, FEARS EXIST THAT A RUSH OF WAGE CLAIMS INSPIRED BY THE FORD DISPUTE COULD TRIGGER INFLATION. ONE DEALER SAID, REFERRING TO THE START OF THE "WINTER OF DISCONTENT" IN 1979, "FORD STARTED THE INDUSTRIAL UNREST BALL ROLLING ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE UNIONS APPEAR TO HAVE WON (NOW), IT COULD WELL MEAN AN ESCALATION OF UNREST ELSEWHERE, BRINGING IT CAST UNCERTAINTY OVER INTEREST RATE

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**LONDON Gold**

THE METAL CLOSED AT 446.30/446.80 DLRs AN OUNCE.  
THIS WAS ABOVE OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF  
443.90/444.40 AND 445.50/445.50 DLRs RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID TRADING WAS QUIET THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITH THE MARKET NOW SETTLING INTO A PATTERN OF CONSOLIDATION FOLLOWING THE RECENT SUBSTANTIAL SELL-OFF. PRICES ARE HOLDING ABOVE 442 DLRs BUT ARE MAKING LITTLE UPSIDE HEADWAY, WITH 447 DLRs PROVING AN AREA OF STIFF RESISTANCE, THEY ADDED.

#### **London Money Market**

LONDON, FEB 17 - RATES ENDED STEADY BUT CONDITIONS WERE NERVOUS AS FORECASTS OF JANUARY BANK LENDING WERE RAISED FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S SURPRISINGLY HIGH PUBLIC SECTOR REPAYMENT. PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING REQUIREMENT (PSBR) DATA YESTERDAY SHOWED A NET REPAYMENT OF 6.3 BILLION STG IN JANUARY. THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO AID STERLING MARKETS BUT THERE ARE WORRIES THAT HIGH CORPORATE TAX PAYMENTS WERE MADE WITH BANK BORROWINGS, WHICH WOULD INFLATE TOMORROW'S LENDING FIGURE, DEALERS SAID. EVEN IF THIS PROVED TO BE A TEMPORARY ABERRATION, THE MARKET MIGHT SEE A FIGURE ABOVE DECEMBER'S 4.9 BILLION STG AS A SIGNAL TO PUSH RATES HIGHER, THEY SAID.

## **Foreign Exchange**

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR -----	1.7450/55	1.7105/10	5.7765/90	OPEN
STG 1.7440/50	-----	2.9835/70	10.0745/0875	NOON
DMK 1.7074/7154	2.979/993	-----	29.525/685	FIX
FFR 5.7755/7895	10.0715/0895	337.52/338.1	-----	FIX
SFR 1.4048-4058	2.4509-4541	82.10-20	24.30-33	1300
NFL 1.9925	3.3515	112.285	33.245	FIX
ECU 1.20752	.691989	2.06607	6.97947	NOON
SDR 1.34762	0.773827	N/A	7.80104	CLOSE
YEN 130.40/50	227.44/75	-----	-----	NOON
SDR RATES	16/02/88	OTHERS	17/02/1988	-

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INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	237.8	236.7	234.5	259.3
AUSTRIA	197.4	194.6	193.9	215.4
BELGIUM	325.0	317.8	313.3	260.2
CANADA	350.1	345.7	341.1	350.7
DENMARK	368.4	368.0	365.7	336.6
FRANCE	296.3	295.9	293.5	288.5
GERMANY	164.6	163.5	161.1	156.6
HONG KONG	1635.7	1615.1	1606.6	1644.3
ITALY	357.5	356.8	344.7	377.4
JAPAN	1168.3	1157.8	1149.0	1022.3
MEXICO	0	2653.5	2653.5	5476.3
NETHERLNDs	232.4	230.9	230.1	215.9
NORWAY	402.6	403.3	402.3	392.4
SINGAPORE	492.1	489.5	484.6	473.1
SPAIN	225.1	223.7	224.4	209.5
SWEDEN	838.6	829.9	822.93	697.3
SWITZ	151.2	150.1	147.6	140.7
U.K.	525.8	527.6	525.5	515.7
U.S.A.	240.4	238.3	238.3	229.4
WORLD	421.3	418.2	414.3	408.0
E.A.F.E.	777.4	772.1	761.6	757.5
EUROPE	350.6	349.8	345.9	362.0

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NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
NAVISTAR	4 1/2	+	1/8	DOME PETE	15/16	UNCH	
KAN-CY PWR	28 3/8	-	1/8	KENAI CORP	1/32	UNCH	
SANTA FE	22 1/8	+	1 5/8	AMDAHL CP	34 5/8	+	7/8
EXXON	42	+	1/2	BERGN BR A	23 1/2	+	1/8
FED STRS	60	-	3 3/4	ECHO BAY	19 7/8	+	1/8
IBM	114 1/8	+	3/8	HORN+HARD	9	+	1/4
FIRESTONE	41 1/2	-	3 1/2	TEXAS AIR	10 1/8	+	1/4
INCO	21 7/8	+	1/4	NY TIMES A	30 1/8	+	3/8
GEN ELECT	44 1/8	+	1/4	HOME SHOP	4 5/8	UNCH	
FORD MOTOR	44 1/8	+	1/8	LORIMAR TE	10 1/4	UNCH	
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
CCX INC	3	+	1/4	TRANSCO R	11 1/2	+	3 1/2
SANTA FE	22 1/8	+	1 5/8	GM UNIT	69 3/4	+	7 1/2
R T E CP	24 1/4	+	1 3/4	HOOG INC B	13 1/4	+	1 3/8
PILLSBURY	31 1/2	-	3	IDENTIX	2 1/8	-	1/2
INTL TECH	2 3/4	-	1/4	KEY CO B	2 1/4	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	90,242,700			AMEX VOLUME	6,239,760		
STOCKS UP	746			STOCKS UP	246		
STOCKS DOWN	455			STOCKS DOWN	180		
16-FEB NASDAQ VOLUME	105,059,700						

Wall Street Journal

New York, Feb 17 — Wall Street stocks held most of their morning gains at midday, although the market was no longer advancing and blue chips were beneath their session highs. Brokers said light volume on gains yesterday and today showed a lack of conviction the stock market would no much higher.

The Dow 30 index was up five points at 2011 but hit an earlier high of 2018. Gainers led decliners by less than two-to-one after leading by three-to-one earlier. Federated Department Stores fell 3 1/4 to 60 1/2. The company rejected a sweetened takeover offer by Comeco.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond High-Yield

London — British Airways Plc chairman Lord King said the company was in the process of arranging a 250 mln dlrs 12-year rate note private placement to Japanese investors to be swapped into a fixed rate dollar bond. (RCMC 1041)

Zurich — The Kingdom of Sweden is launching a 200 mln Swiss franc, 20 year, five pct bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTW 1437)

London — Leeds Permanent Building Society is issuing a 100 mln stg par priced floating rate note due October 1994, paying an initial 1/8 point over three month London interbank offered rate, lead manager Baring Brothers and Co Ltd said. (RCMD 1105)

Zurich — Spanish utility Union Electrica Feriosa SA is launching 150 mln Swiss francs of six-year 4-3/4 pct bullet notes, issue priced at 100-1/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RCMC 1008)

Zurich — The Canton of Zurich is launching a 10-year four pct bond of about 150 mln Swiss francs with price to be set at auction, lead manager Zurich Kantonalbank said. (RTX 1526)

Zurich — Japan's Nippon Steel Chemical Co Ltd is issuing 70 mln Swiss francs of five-year convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1-1/8 pct and priced at par, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RCMC 1010)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-1/2 1/4	8-3/4 5/8	9-5/16 3/16
FFT	3.35/45	3.25/35	3.50/40
PAR	7-3/16 1/4	7-5/16 7/16	7-1/2 5/8
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-1/8 1-3/8	1-1/2 1-3/4
BRX	4.25	6-3/16 5/16	6-3/16 5/16
RDM	10-10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8
ANS	4-3/4 5-1/4	4-0 4-1/8	4-0 4-1/8
TOK	3.2500 3125	3.8125 8750	3.7500 8125
ECU	6.00 6.25	6.12 6.25	6.37 6.50

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	31.50	32.50	HODITALKALI	--	--	
ACC	159	159	GSFC	102	103	104.50	OKRAY	23	23 22.50	
AHDADVAD	--	--	GUJEPETRO	350	26	24	PREMAUTO	27	27.50 27.50	
AHDDADVAD	--	--	GHAILORON	87	88.50	89	RAYTHON CO	--	--	
ANDHRA CEN	9.50	9.50	10	HINDALCO	120	121	122	RAYTHONMOUL	47	46 47
ANDHRA VLY	143.75	142.50	142.50	IYD LAMPS	--	--	RELIANCE	98	99 98	
BAJAJ AUTO	420	421.25	416.25	IND ORG	18	18.50	18.50	SPIC	31.50	32 32
BAR RAYON	155	157.50	155	INDRAYON	49.50	50	49.50	STD MILLS	240	250 257.50
BOM DYING	121	121	124	INDROL	180	177.50	178	STD MEDICAL	--	14.50 15
BSE INDEX	423.92	419.14	ITC	32.50	32	32	STEELTUBE	--	10 10	
CENTURYSIG	650	660	665	ITC CD	--	--	TATA PWR	175	177 177.50	
COLGATE	193.75	195	195	JK 120	--	--	TATACHEM	63	63.50 63	
DEEPAKFERT	30	29.50	30.50	JKSYNTH	52	52.50	52.50	TAOTAI	73	73 73
DHARMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	82	82.50	82.50	TELDO	362.50	360 362.50
FICON ORG	--	--	MAGNAHARD	--	--	--	UDAIPHOSPH	--	--	
GARMOPOLY	77	77	77.50	MAHINDRA	56	56.50	56.50	VOLTAS	260	260 265

## FRANCE

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1150	1100
AEG	216.5	220.0	AIJINMOTO	3430	3450	MITSUB EST
ALLIANZ VR	1390.0	1385.0	AKAI ELEC	520	510	MITSUB HVY
BADENMERK	175.0	178.0	AOKI	940	945	MITSUI CO
BAASF	234.7	236.1	ASAHI GAS	1880	1830	MITSUKOSHI
BAFER	256.0	258.0	ASAHI OPT	593	597	MITSUNI EL
BAYER HYP	344.0	346.0	BANK TOKYO	1520	1450	MICHICON
BAYER VER	331.0	336.0	BRIDGESTON	1350	1300	NIKON CHNT
BBC	283.0	285.0	CANON	1040	1050	NIKKO SEC
BHF	313.0	314.5	CASIO COMP	1240	1250	NIP ELEC
BHU	525.0	528.0	CHUGAI MNG	1670	1680	NIP KOKON
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0	CITIZEN W	590	599	NIP OIL
COMMERZB	220.0	222.5	D-ICHI KAN	3180	3170	NIP STEEL
CONTI GUMM	210.8	214.5	DAI NIP IK	763	790	NIP YUSEN
DATNER BEN	664.5	670.0	DAI NIP PT	2630	2630	NIS MOTOR
DEUTSC BHK	420.0	428.0	DAI NIP SC	990	990	NOMURA SEC
DRESDNER, B	304.80	304.80	DAI NIP TO	2110	2104	OBUSA CO/TGTS
DT BABCOCK	156.5	158.5	DAICEI	703	778	OIL IMPUS
FAZ INDEX	442.45	443.36	DATUM H	1710	1710	PENTA ODN
GOLDSCHEID	231.0	230.5	DATA SEC	2290	2280	PIONEER
GUTEHOFF	0	0	EBRA NFG	830	838	RENOWN
HARPEREN	385.0	380.5	EISAI	2450	2470	RICOH
HOECHST AG	250.0	253.5	FUJITSU	1410	1430	SAKYO
HOESCH	100.5	101.0	FUJI BANK	3370	3370	SANYO ELEC
KORTEN	168.0	172.0	FUJI PHOTO	4020	2350	SEIYU ST
MUSSEL NLD	406.0	412.0	FUJISAMA	2060	2040	SEKISUI PB
KALI SALZ	123.5	128.8	FUJITA CP	700	700	SHARP
KARSTADT	399.0	414.0	HITACHI	1250	1260	SHISEIDO
KAUFHOF	365.8	371.0	HONDA MOT	1400	1420	SONY
KLOECK H	93.0	95.0	ISETAN	1420	1370	SUMITOMO
KLOECK U	0	67.5	ITO YOKADO	4110	4100	TAIPEI
LINDE	570.0	564.0	JAP SYN	951	975	TAISHO MRN
LUFTHANSA	142.0	141.0	JAPAN AIR	14200	13700	TAKEDA CH
MAN	158.0	160.5	JAPAN MET	429	438	TEIJIN
HANNESMAN	123.0	123.8	KAITIKA	1490	1500	TIG NEW IX
MERCEDES	531.0	545.0	KANSAI EL	2720	2690	TOKIO MRN
METALLOES	205.0	196.2	KAO SOAP	1910	1900	TOKYO ELEC
MIXDORF PF	522.5	526.0	KAWASAKI H	306	311	TOKYO GAS
NORSK HYD	44.80	44.70	KAWASAKI S	351	356	TOKYO POWR
PHILIP KOM	615.0	620.0	KIRIN BREW	2280	2260	TORAY IND
POSCHE	429.0	435.0	KONATSU	633	630	TOSHIBA EL
PREUSSAG	117.5	121.0	KUBATO LTD	570	556	TOTO
PWA	191.0	194.0	KYOCERA	5660	5690	TOYO KOGYO
RHEIN	216.0	212.5	MAKITA EL	1810	1760	TOYOTA MOT
RHEIN P	211.0	204.5	MARUJ	3050	3030	YANABA
RHEIMETAL	245.0	243.0	MATSUTA EI	2320	2310	YANAIUCHI
RELAHENDER	262.0	261.0	MATSUTA EL	2270	2270	YANAMOZU
SCHERING	435.0	441.0	NEIJI SEIKI	920	910	YAMAZAKI
SEL	314.0	310.0				
SIEMENS	382.0	386.0				
THYSSEN	121.0	121.1				
VARTA	234.5	236.5				
VEB	244.5	245.0				
VEV	163.5	163.6				
VOLKSWAGEN	239.0	239.0				

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	GSI	98	99	L.K.	NGM	70.5	69
C H TUNNEL	13.60	13.60	CHUNG K	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45	6.45	180	182
CHINA GAS	15.50	15.50	CHINA L-P	17.90	17.90	17.90	17.90	17.90	40.5	40.5
CHINA MOT	16.50	16.50	COSMO PROP	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	154	152</td

## UK trade team for Kuwait

A BRITISH trade mission arrives in Kuwait tomorrow, and will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel until February 22. The mission is being organised by the Kent and Sussex Exporters' Club.

Fifteen British companies are participating in this trade mission. Some have visited Kuwait earlier.

Many of the companies are involved in the industrial sector: making corrosion control systems, electrical equipment, protective clothing, oil industry supplies, automobile parts, and fire fighting equipment.

The consumer goods sector is also well-represented: leather goods, furniture, blankets, and promotional items are amongst the products.

The services or "invisible" sector is playing an increasing role in British trade: the mission reflects this with representatives from an aircraft and motor engineering college, an Arab/Islamic art consultant, an interior design expert, and a transportation/sourcing office.

The last product represented is difficult to classify, but is certainly not "invisible" — bagpipes, whose representative is Sir Patrick Grant.

Further details are available from the British Embassy Commercial Section Telephone 2439220/1/2/4.

## S.Korea boosts fee on imported crude

SEOUL, Feb 17. (Opecma): The South Korean government will from today increase the fee on imported crude to \$6.48 a barrel from the previous level of \$4.66, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

The government first levied fees on imported oil in 1979 to raise money for the petroleum business fund, set up to finance South Korean overseas oil ventures.

The fund has since enabled the Korean Oil Development Company (Kodeco) to conduct oil exploration and development activities in the offshore west Madura field in Opec member Indonesia.

## UK shares firm as dollar ends steady

LONDON, Feb 17. (Reuter): London shares firmed and most European bourses ended higher today, but trading was light and investors seemed unwilling to put much money in any financial markets, dealers said.

The dollar held steady, to close at 1,7060 West German marks and 130.25 yen. It traded at \$1.7485 to the pound sterling. Gold was fixed in London at \$445.60 an ounce, up 60 cents.

### Investors

London's FTSE 100-share index rose 13.5 points to 1,748.1, but dealers said much of the gain was due to investors switching shares in their portfolios, with little new buying going on.

Despite Tuesday's news of a settlement in the Ford Motor Co strike which has shut down

Britain's largest car-maker, many investors are worried about labour unrest, dealers said. Others are concerned that wage demands now will trigger inflation.

### Bids

"Ford started the industrial unrest ball rolling about 10 years ago, and given the fact that the unions appear to have won (now), it could well mean an escalation of unrest elsewhere," one dealer said.

He said some investors may be uncomfortably reminded of the "winter of discontent" in 1979, when a series of strikes swept Britain, and eventually helped bring down the government of Prime Minister James Callaghan.

In Paris and Amsterdam,

meanwhile, investors bet that more takeover bids were in the works and they snapped up shares of firms they thought are likely candidates.

The Paris bourse indicator rose 1.42 per cent, while Amsterdam's CBS All-Share index rose 0.5 points to 76.6.

In Frankfurt, the Faz index fell 0.91 points to 442.45 having climbed strongly earlier this week.

"It was not a setback but a welcome and necessary technical correction," a Frankfurt dealer said.

In Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index gained 6.5 points to 821.9, while Milan's MIB index was up 2.2 per cent. Madrid rose.

Norwegian and Finnish shares were up but Swedish shares closed lower.

Meanwhile, crude oil prices

firmed slightly on international spot markets today, but actively remained at a very low ebb, traders and brokers said.

The Institute of Petroleum Week in London, when traders from around the world meet for a round of social events including the institute's annual dinner, continued to restrict trading.

Despite the firmer trend, in the background good supplies of physical crude continue to lend the market a bearish undertone.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent, the most widely traded international crude, was 15 cents higher at \$15.85 a barrel. Dubai, the key Middle East grade, was up 15 cents at \$15.15. The benchmark US crude, West Texas Intermediate, was 20 cents higher than Friday, at \$16.70.

## Societe Generale shares soar

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb 17. (AP): The share price of Societe Generale de Belgique sa rose 580 francs (\$16.57) to 4,730 francs (\$135.14) yesterday as Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti launched his long-awaited bid to take control of Belgium's largest holding.

But De Benedetti acted with little apparent enthusiasm, according to dealers who said the Italian appeared not to improve his offer of 4,000 francs (\$114.29).

With the market price far above that, the president of Olivetti SpA seemed to wait for the price to fall before raising his stake, they said.

De Benedetti's offer of \$114.29 runs through March 4.

He has said he already controls 38 per cent of Societe Generale and wants to buy 15 per cent more.

**Loss**

Yesterday's gain nearly wiped out the 700-franc (\$20) loss Societe Generale posted last Friday.

The share price hit a record 4,850 francs (\$138.57) last Thursday.

A total of 278,000 Societe Gen-

rale shares were traded on the Brussels stock exchange on Monday, a sizeable volume by Belgian standards but well down from last week's levels when the battle for control of Societe Generale was in full swing.

Trading totalled 1.4 million shares last Tuesday, 845,000 shares on Wednesday and 527,000 shares on Thursday.

### Trading

Dealers reported no significant trading in Societe Generale off the exchange.

Last Friday, a group of mostly Belgian investors failed to agree with France's Compagnie Financiere de Suez to keep the company anchored in Belgium.

This forced Belgian industrialist Andre Leysen, head of the Gevaert NV Holding, to quit as the group's spokesman, strengthening De Benedetti's hand.

De Benedetti is seeking to run the day-to-day affairs of Societe Generale which controls a third of the Belgian economy. He wants to turn the company into a pan-European holding enterprise.

Last weekend was awash with rumours of possible successors to Leysen to keep Societe Generale

essentially Belgian.

Yet one presumed candidate, Albert Frere of the financial group Bruxelles Lambert, has denied he was a candidate.

### Courage

"I am really not interested to succeed Leysen, whose courage I admire," he said.

Economic Affairs Minister Philippe Maystadt said on the weekend "vital sectors" of the economy which are controlled by Societe Generale, would still be subject to a government veto, whoever has a majority in the company.

"Above and beyond all the financial games, we must return to the essential point for Belgian control," said Maystadt.

In recent weeks, trading off the Brussels exchange often dwarfed official trading with anonymous buyers paying premium rates for Societe Generale shares. Last Thursday, the unofficial share price rose as high as 5,300 francs (\$151.42).

Traders said it was hard to say who bought Societe Generale shares on the market on Monday but said any of a number of Belgian or French companies may have sought to boost their stakes.

## Saudis realised \$2b from non-oil exports

DAMMAM, Feb 17. (Opecma): Saudi Arabia realised \$2.18 billion last year from its non-oil exports. Commerce Minister for Sulaiman Al Sulaiman said here yesterday.

Addressing the opening session of the Saudi Arabian export development symposium, he noted that increasing importance was being given by the government to the commercial sector in order to expand the country's economic base as part of a drive to lessen dependence on oil.

The meeting is organised by the eastern province's Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Saudi Export Development Centre and the Saudi Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Participants at the meeting, comprising businessmen and government officials, will discuss the country's export drive, including the trade financing programme of the Islamic Development Bank and the role of the Saudi National Committee for Trade Financing.

## Kuwait Fund and Cyprus sign loan agreement

A LOAN agreement was signed in Nicosia between the Republic of Cyprus and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, whereby the fund will give a loan of KD 4,300,000 to help finance southern conveyor project for water resources development (phase 2), a fund release in Kuwait said yesterday.

The loan agreement was signed last February 12 on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus by Christos Mavrellis, Minister of Finance and on behalf of the fund by Abdul Wahab Ahmed Al Bader, deputy director general for operations of the Kuwait Fund.

The project aims to maintain and develop irrigated agriculture in the Kokkinokhorio project area by enhancing the water supply made available under phase 1 of the project and the prevention of sea water intrusion into the aquifer. The project also provides irrigation water to 4,300 hectares of agricultural lands in addition to supplementing existing potable water supplies for the cities of Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Famagusta and rural areas, the release added.

### Project

The project consists of diversion structures to transfer water from Dhiarizos river through a tunnel about 16 km long and construction of irrigation networks for about 4300 hectares of agricultural lands. Components

include two water treatment plants, a 36 km long pipeline to convey potable water to the capital Nicosia in addition to the provision of water for 20 villages.

The project includes the provision of consulting and technical services, and equipment for project operation, the Kfao added.

Total cost of the project is estimated at KD 47.1 million of which 9 per cent will be covered in full by the fund loan, the release added that execution of the integrated project commenced in 1984 and is expected to be completed in 1993.

### Dutch auditors to visit Caracas

CARACAS, Feb 17. (Opecma):

A three-member team from the Dutch auditing firm Klynveld Kraayenhof (KKC) is scheduled to arrive here for a one-week visit to collect data and information on Venezuela's oil production.

Dr Mario Rodriguez, director for commercial affairs of Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state petroleum company, told Opecma today that the team will begin their work on Monday with a meeting with petroleum officials at the company's headquarters.

The group will then visit three main oil exports terminals he said.

Housing starts fell 1.9 per cent last month to an annual rate of 1,377 million units, the lowest level since December 1982, according to the Commerce Department.

The fall, which followed a steep 15.5 per cent drop in December, confounded economists' expectations of a modest rebound to about 1.45 million.

Industrial production, meanwhile, rose 0.2 per cent in January after growing by 0.4 per cent in December and November, the Federal Reserve Board said.

### Forecasts

The increase was in line with the forecasts of most economists, who said the industrial sector is riding the crest of an export boom caused by the cheap dollar.

Taken together, today's data provided evidence that the long-

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Aunt Barbara



*The problem with these average report cards is, it's hard to get them funded."*

**The silver screen**

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**Math puzzles**

HAVE you always been a little bit afraid of math problems or puzzles? Has a problem ever seemed so difficult that you didn't want to spend any time trying to solve it? Many people feel this way. But they don't have to. Solving math puzzles can be fun.

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● When Wendy visited New Orleans, Louisiana, she went on a bayou tour on a riverboat. The riverboat left the Canal Street dock in New Orleans at 11:00 am. It cruised 10 miles down the Mississippi River, until it came to an intracoastal waterway known as the Algiers Route. The riverboat turned into the Algiers Route. The level of the water in the Algiers Route is lower than the level of the water in the Mississippi River. Therefore, the riverboat had to enter the Algiers Lock, to be lowered to the waterway's water level. The riverboat entered the lock, and the gate closed behind it. The lock gate in front of the riverboat was already closed. In 10 minutes the level of the water in the lock had been raised to the level of that in the Mississippi River. The gate at the front of the lock opened, and the riverboat glided out and turned into the Mississippi. After traveling 4 more miles, it reached the Canal Street dock from which it had departed earlier in the day.

If the riverboat traveled at an average speed of 10 miles per hour, at what time did Wendy arrive back in New Orleans?

● The riverboat that Wendy was on arrived back at the Canal Street dock in New Orleans at 4:32 p.m.

The distance that the riverboat travelled along the Mississippi River, when the bayou tour began, was 10 miles. The distance that the boat travelled along the Algiers Route was 7 miles. Therefore, by the time the riverboat had reached Hero Cutoff, it had already gone 10 miles + 7 miles, or 17 miles.

The riverboat then travelled the 14 miles along the Bayou Barataria; turned around, and immediately returned the 14-mile distance to Hero Cutoff. Thus, the total distance that the riverboat travelled along the Bayou Barataria was 14 miles + 14 or 28 miles. Therefore, when the riverboat entered the Harvey Canal, it had already gone 17 miles + 28 miles = 45 miles.

The distance that the riverboat travelled along the Harvey Canal was 3 miles. It then turned back onto the Mississippi River and travelled the final 4 miles to the Canal Street dock in New Orleans. Therefore, the total distance of the bayou tour was 45 miles + 3 miles + 4 miles = 52 miles.

The riverboat travelled at an average speed of 10 miles per hour. Since Time = Distance divided by Rate, the boat's travelling time was = 52 miles ÷ 10 miles per hour = 5 hours and 12 minutes.

The riverboat also spent 10 minutes in the Algiers Lock, and 10 minutes + 10 minutes in the Harvey Lock. Thus, the total time that it spent in the two locks was 10 minutes + 10 minutes or 20 minutes. Now add the 20 minutes that the riverboat spent in the two locks to the 5 hours and 12 minutes that it took for it to travel the 52 miles of the tour. 5 hours and 12 minutes + 20 minutes = 5 hours and 32 minutes. Thus, the riverboat returned to the Canal Street dock 5 hours and 32 minutes after it had departed.

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TWO boys were gathering hazel nuts in the woods, and they sat down under a tree in order to eat what they had gathered. But neither of them had a knife with him, and they could not bite the nuts open with their teeth.

'What a shame!' they cried. 'If only someone would come along who could open these nuts for us!'

Hardly had they said this when a strange little man came walking through the woods. Such an odd-looking fellow they had never seen before. He had a big, big head, from which a long stiff plait hung down to his heels behind him, and he wore a little golden hat, a red gown and yellow boots. As he trotted towards them he sang this song:

'Crick! Crick! Crick! Crack!  
Cracking through the woods I go  
Where the nuts are hanging low,  
Where I see before my eyes  
Nuts of every shape and size,

Nuts for biting, nuts for munching.  
Crick! Crick! Crick! Crack!  
Cracking through the woods I go'

The two boys could hardly help bursting into laughter at the strange little creature, whom they took to be a woodland dwarf. 'If you want nuts to crack,' they called to him, 'come and crack these for us, so that we can eat them.'

The little man began to sing again:

**The nutcracker**

'Here I see you've nuts in plenty.'

'If I bite and crack you twenty.'

'Will you give me for my trouble? Some of them for me to nibble?'

'Yes,' cried the boys. 'You can share them with us! The little man stepped up to them and sang:

'Crick! Crick! Crick! Crack!

'Lift up the plait behind my back.'

'Crick! Crick! Crick! Crack!

'Between my teeth the nuts must stick.'

'Crick! Crick! Crick! Crack!

'Pull down the plait behind my back.'

'Crick! Crick! Crick! Crack!

'And that, you'll find, will do the trick.'

'They did just as he told them, and they laughed each time they took hold of the little man by his long stiff plait, heard the sharp crack! and saw the nut spr-

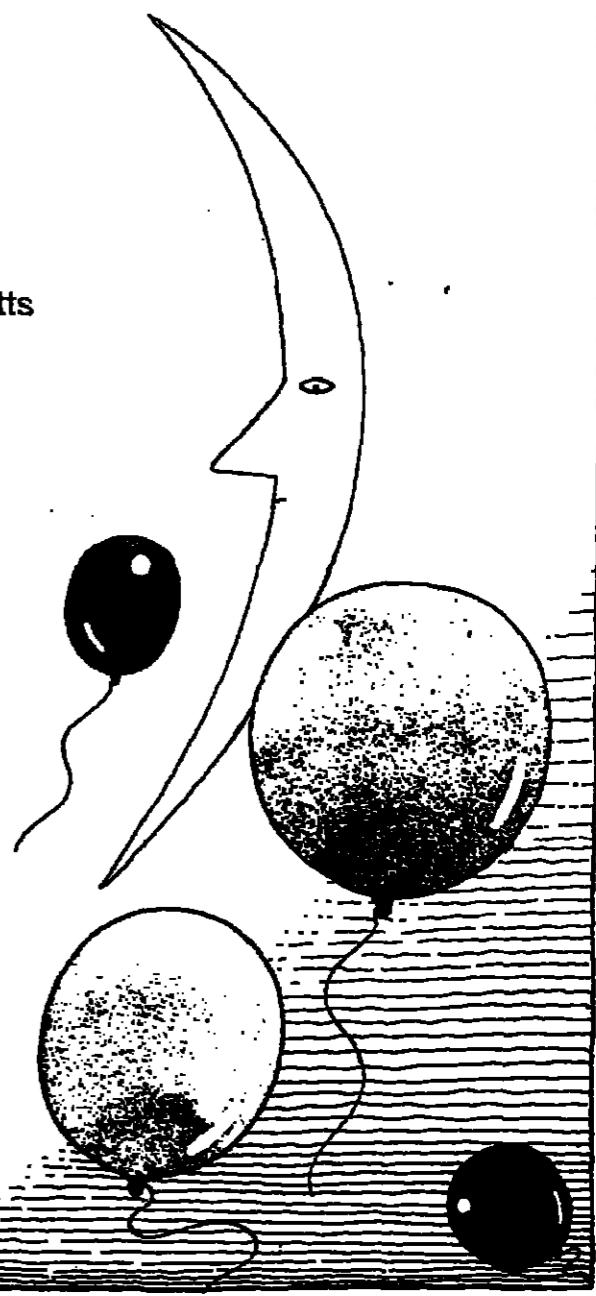
**Poetry Corner****Balloons!**

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who bumps and butts  
its head  
on the cage walls  
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bursts  
with a bellow,  
or escapes slowly  
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Balloons  
on the street  
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in fresh air,  
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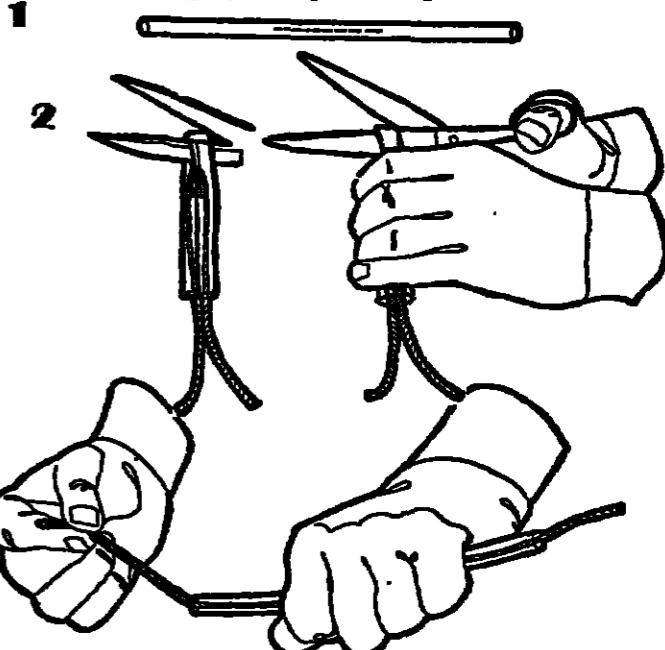
If you loose  
a balloon,  
it bolts home  
for the moon.

Judith Thurman



scissors over your left hand and pull out the string to show it "restored."

"I'm working my way up to sawing a woman in half."

**Cut and uncut****The illusion:**

A length of string is threaded through a soda straw until the straw is in the centre of the string. The straw is then doubled over and cut in half. However, when the string is pulled out, it's been restored, and is none the worse for wear!

**The preparation:**

Ahead of time, put a two-inch slit along the straw at the centre with a razor blade (1). Be sure to handle the straw by the ends so that the slit stays closed and unnoticed. You will need a length of thin kite or package string at least fifteen inches long.

**The trick:**

Openly push the string through the straw until there is string hanging out each end. Bend the straw in half so that the slit is to the inside of the fold. Grip the straw in the left fist and pull on the two ends of the string with your right hand. This will pull the string out of the centre of the straw and through the slit so it is an inch below the fold. Pick up the scissors, put the lower blade through the fold of the straw, but above the string, and cut (2). Take the lower ends of the straw in the right fingers and pull the string and straw down into the left fist until they stick out the bottom. Lift one end up all the way between your thumb and index finger so you have an end of straw sticking out each side of your left fist (3). Wave the

**Spreading seeds****Science corner**

POPPY SEEDS are very small. They are scattered from little holes as the fruit stem sways in the wind. Some fruits split open and the seeds fly out. The violet fruit splits into three parts and the seeds are thrown out.

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The large fruits of the water lily float away on the water. When they settle in the mud, the seeds may grow into new water lily plants.

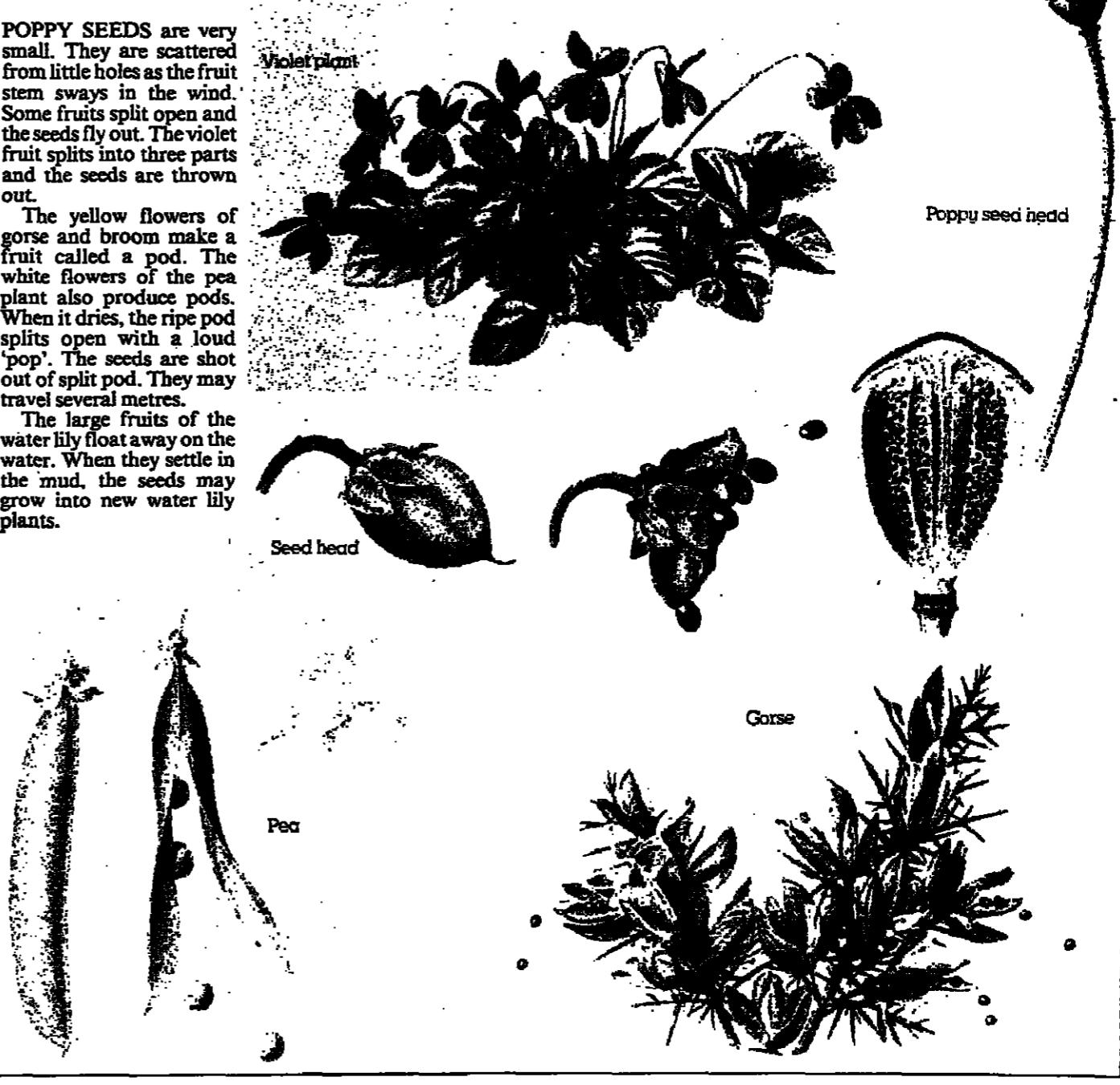
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SWISS WINS DOWNHILL IN MEN'S COMBINED

## Zurbriggen on way to second gold medal

MOUNT ALLAN, Alberta, Feb. 17. (AP) Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen took a major step toward his second Olympic gold medal yesterday by winning the downhill portion of the men's combined by nearly a half-second.

Results of the downhill will be coupled with those of a slalom today to determine a combined champion.

The combined is returning to the Winter Olympics after a 40-year absence. Since 1982 the combined with separate downhill and slalom races has been contested in the World Alpine Championships.

**Timed**

Zurbriggen, who overtook teammate Peter Mueller to win the regular men's downhill on Monday, was timed in 1 minute, 46.90 seconds in the combined race. It was held on the same course as Monday's race, but was shortened by moving the start down the hill by about 200 metres.

France's Picard of France, the bronze medalist in the regular downhill, was second in 1:47.38, and Felix Belczyk of Canada was third in 1:48.24.

Steven Lee of Australia was

tentatively listed in third place at 1:47.39, but he was later disqualified for missing a gate.

Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli, one of the favorites for the combined title, did not start the slalom, which is Zurbriggen's weakest event.

West Germany's Markus Wasmeier, a solid all-around skier but a disappointment in slalom so far this season, stood eighth after the downhill.

"I didn't lose my concentration after yesterday's victory," Zurbriggen said at the finish line.

**Admit**

He reportedly is embroiled in a dispute with his ski manufacturer over preparation of his equipment for Monday's downhill.

His withdrawal may have given Zurbriggen clear sailing for the combined gold medal. Among world cup competitors this season, only Zurbriggen and Girardelli have finished in the top five in both a downhill and slalom.

Girardelli does plan to ski in the super giant slalom on Sunday.

Asked how much slalom training he has done, he said, "at the beginning of the year, I did a lot, but not lately."

Both Picard and Belczyk dis-

missed their chances in the slalom.

Belczyk added, "I'm really a pure downhill, so it's today that I had to build up an advantage for tomorrow," Picard said.



Zurbriggen flies past a gate during men's combined downhill race. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## SPORTS

**Jefferies signs for Hampshire**

LONDON, Feb 17. (Reuter): South African all-rounder Steve Jefferies, who recently took 10 wickets in an innings, has signed for Hampshire on a two-year contract starting in the forthcoming English season.

Jefferies, who was previously with Derbyshire and Lancashire, is to take over as Hampshire's overseas player from Malcolm Marshall, who will be touring England with West Indies this year.

Hampshire's original choice as Marshall's replacement, Australian Test left-arm paceman Bruce Reid, pulled out with a back injury.

Hampshire captain Mark Nicholas said: "He (Jefferies) is a player with plenty of experience and earlier this winter took 10 wickets in an innings for Western Province against an Orange Free State side which included Allan Lamb and Alvin Kallicharran."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Title fight**

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Feb 17. (AP): Indonesia's Polly Pasireron will challenge World Boxing Association super-middleweight champion Park Chong-Pal of South Korea in a title fight on March 1, a boxing official said today.

**Saudis draw**

RIYADH, Feb 17. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia and Scotland drew 2-2 (halftime 1-0) today in a friendly soccer match here.

Scorers: Saudi Arabia — Yousef Jaze (16 minutes), Majid Abdullah (71). Scotland — Morris Johnstone (47). John Colquhoun (79).

**Romanians leave**

CALGARY, Canada, Feb 17. (UPI): Three female members of the Romanian speedskating team and a coach left the Winter Olympics before the games even started, officials announced late yesterday.

The Romanians left the main athletes' village about three hours before Saturday's opening ceremonies. They departed Calgary international airport about 10 am, according to a statement from the Olympic Organising Committee.

**Socon results**

TEL AVIV, Feb 17. (Reuter): Israel and England drew 0-0 in a friendly soccer international today.

British soccer matches played in London yesterday.

European under-21 championship quarterfinal, first leg: Scotland 0 England 1 (in Aberdeen).

Scottish Premier Division: Morton 0 Falkirk 0  
English Division Four: Halifax 2 Wolverhampton 1  
Scottish Division One: Clyde v East Fife — postponed.  
Scottish Division Two: Brechin 1 Ayr 0  
Queen's Park 2 Stranraer 0

**Bridge results**

RESULTS of the Messia Ladies Club games played on Saturday.

N/S 1. Ann Cox & Doris Kimber  
2. Jamila Akel & Margaret Robbie-Whitaker

E/W 1. Margaret Maynard & Paphne Al Saad  
2. Helen Hughes & Janice Briges

Results of the game played at the Hilton on Sunday.

N/S 1. K T Simon & Ali Iman  
2. Ali Bourkries & Chibbi Jadas  
3. Nahil Akel & Lulu Marhwita

E/W 1. Hassan Mousaad & Mohammed Mechani  
2. Keith McKenzie & George Beecroft  
3. S Krishnaswami & T Sreenivasan

Results of the Sheraton Ladies club games played yesterday.

N/S 1. Lynn Edwards & Suzanne Cattermole  
2. Rita Canaccini & Donna Materny  
3. Jamila Akel & Juliette Musabawar

E/W 1. Alice Nasser & Janice Briges  
2. Margaret Maynard & Paphne Al Saad  
3. Camelia Georgiou & Lilly Saqr

RESULTS of the bridge played at Sheraton hotel on Tuesday.

N/S 1. Abdulfatih Deag & Adly Tabb  
2. Khaled Meoushi & Marzouq Zamanji  
3. Mrs Douna Materny & Hassan Mousaad

E/W 1. Mohamed Abdalghani & Hassan Shabani  
2. B R Shams & Gafar Mohanali  
3. Dr Henry Szu & Robert Sticker

A pair event tournament will be held on Friday at 4.00 pm.

**HOME SIDE SCORES 130 FOR FOUR AT STUMPS AS PLAY IS CALLED OFF****England-New Zealand Test ends in draw**

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 17. (Reuter): England and New Zealand drew their first cricket Test when play was called off today with five overs due to be bowled in the home side's second innings.

New Zealand had been set 304 to win on the last day and were 130 for four at the close.

England had a gammer of hope when New Zealand's fourth wicket fell with 28 overs still to play. Phillip Defretas trapped New Zealand captain Jeff Crowe lbw for nought but John Bracewell then joined Andrew Jones and the pair saw New Zealand out of trouble.

**Nose-dive** England's chances of winning took a nose-dive when 13 overs, or 50 minutes, of play was lost because of bad light in the morning.

New Zealand had negotiated the morning session without losing a wicket and, although both openers were out lbw to Graham Dilley soon after lunch, it was asking too much to bowl New Zealand out in two sessions.

In all, 4-1/2 hours were lost through the five days, reducing the chance of a result despite the vagaries of the pitch.

Ironically, the game finished in bright sunshine after the wintry conditions which prevailed in the morning and for much of the last four days.

Dilley provided the fireworks of the day, both in his fast and hostile deliveries and his behaviour towards the umpires.

And the England team twice appealed confidently for catches off Martin Crowe. Umpire Brian Aldridge rejected both appeals and Dilley reacted by swearing loudly enough to be heard by the few hundred spectators.

**Lacked** Dilley was spoken to by captain Mike Gatting.

He ended with his best Test match bowling figures of eight wickets for 70 and although Defretas and Paul Jarvis bowled well at times, they and other England bowlers lacked penetration.

None of the New Zealand batsmen put up a convincing perfor-

mance and the New Zealand selectors will have to look closely at Trevor Franklin and Jeff Crowe for the second Test.

The England batsman performed little better with the exception of Chris Broad's 114 and Tim Robinson's 70 in the first innings. Martyn Moxon or Bill Athey could be replaced by Neil Fairbrother, the only other specialist batsman in the touring party.

The pitch was better suited to seam bowling and New Zealand off-spinner Bracewell bowled equally badly. Only 20 overs of spin were bowled in the match, but neither slow bowler was accurate enough and the places of both must be in jeopardy for the second Test starting on February 25.

**Rescuing** Jones scored New Zealand's only half century in the match, rescuing his side from its precarious position and ending on 54 not out. But many of the runs were scored against attacking fields and when the match was safe.

Jeff Crowe said the pitch's bounce was inconsistent and gave too much assistance to seam bowlers.

He said he expects all the team to be available for the second Test.

Both captains felt that the Man-of-the-Match award should have gone to Broad rather than Chatfield, who took four wickets in each innings.

**Reluctant** Gatting was initially reluctant to comment on former Canterbury and Northamptonshire batsman Peter Arnold's choice of Chatfield. However, when told Crowe had given his view he admitted he leaned towards Chatfield.

This was to have been Hadlee's Test, where he would take his 374th Test wicket to set a world record in front of his home crowd. But he failed to get a wicket on the first day and later injured himself and could bowl no more in the match.

Gatting said after the match he was pleased with his team's performance but he said the pitch played best of all on the final day.

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New Zealand's opening batsman John Wright in action yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Scoreboard	20
ENGLAND first innings 319	15
ENGLAND second innings 152	130
NEW ZEALAND first innings 168	130
NEW ZEALAND second innings:	
J Wright bv b Dilley 23	23
T Franklin bv b Dilley 12	12
A Jones not out 54	54
M Crowe c French b Jarvis 6	6
J Crowe lbw b Defretas 0	0
Result: New Zealand drew with England.	

**Dilley fined for swearing**

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 17. (Reuter): England fast bowler Graham Dilley has been fined £250 for swearing during the final day of the first cricket Test against New Zealand, England tour manager Peter Lush said.

Dilley was twice heard by spectators at the Lancaster Park ground in Christchurch to swear after he had appeals rejected by umpire Brian Aldridge.

He is the second player to be fined on the tour. Opening batsman Chris Broad was fined the maximum £500 in Sydney for knocking down the wickets after he was out in the Bicentennial Test against Australia.

Lush told reporters Dilley's fine was not for dissent but for swearing.

He also said he was asking the New Zealand Cricket Council to

ask Television New Zealand to stop using pitch microphones.

"It's been heard in millions of people's homes and that's not good," Lush said.

"He's the victim of the television cameras."

But when you are on public display you have a responsibility to cricket lovers at large to set the best possible example."

Pitch microphones picked up captain Mike Gatting's words in England's first Test against Pakistan and the tour was nearly cancelled.

Team manager Micky Stewart said he consulted the umpires and they considered Dilley was expressing frustration rather than dissent.

An apology is unnecessary—that would be making a mountain out of a molehill," Stewart said.

Gatting said he spoke to Dilley

after the incident and told him to get on with the job.

Television New Zealand spokesman Peter Williams said Dilley's words were picked up by ground microphones and not on the pitch.

**Upset**

Lush said that Dilley was very upset over the fine, especially as he had returned the best Test

bowling figures of his career. He took eight wickets for 70 in the match.

The fine was imposed by a committee comprising Lush, Stewart, Gatting and John Embrey, Lush said.

He added he would take the matter of pitch microphones to the International Cricket Council.

"For the good of the game something has got to be done about controlling the intrusions," he said.

**Chang turns pro at US Indoor**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 17. (AP): Michael Chang, 15, earned a paycheck in his first match as a professional tennis player.

Chang, who last year became the youngest player ever to win a match in the US Open, defeated fellow American Rick Leach 6-3, 6-2 last night in the \$415,000 US indoor championships.

Another rising American star, Andre Agassi, also won his first-round match last night.

Agassi, 17, seeded sixth, defeated John Ross 6-4, 6-4.

**APOLOGY****The Sultan Center and other participating companies announce****the cancellation of the****"Walk for a Cause" Festival**

which was supposed to be held on Friday, Feb 19, 1988. The festival was to be held on the occasion of the 27th National Day and in support of public societies.

*The cancellation comes after the decision of the Interior Minister to ban the festival*

We therefore express our deep apology to citizens and expatriates, participating companies and other public societies.

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